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Iran vows revenge for plane shooting

NICOSIA, July 4, (Reuters): Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini urged Iranians today to join an all-out war against America and its allies.

Iran today also protested to the United Nations about the shooting down over the Gulf by US forces of one of its airliners carrying 290 people.

Meanwhile, US President Reagan today called the US downing of the Iranian passenger jet, an "understandable accident."

"We should all rush to the fronts for a full-fledged war against America and its surrogates," Khomeini said in his first reaction to the US downing of an Iranian airliner yesterday.

He said the attack was a warning to all air travellers.

Condolences

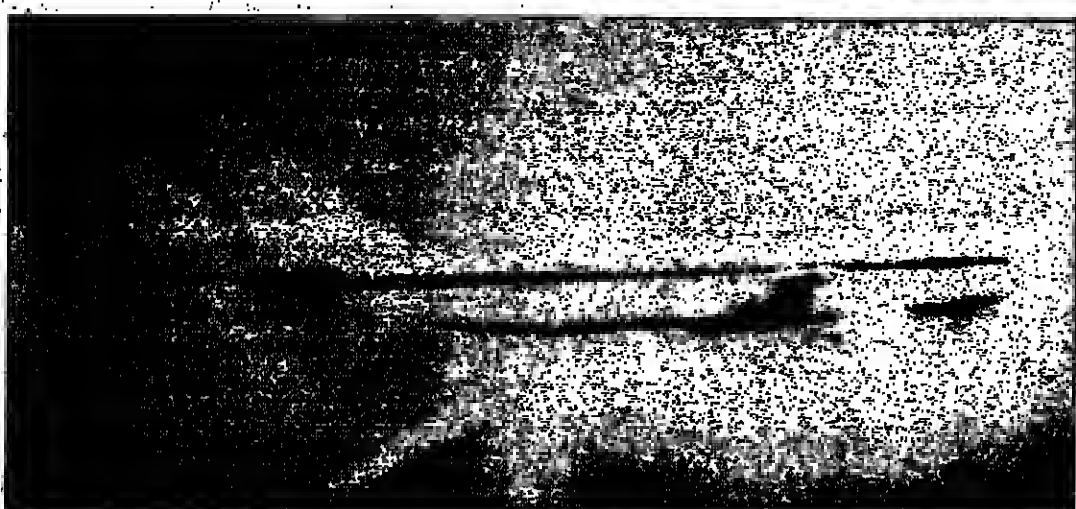
He offered condolences to relatives of victims of the Iran Air Airbus A-300.

Khomeini in a statement was in response to a message by his designated successor, Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, who had asked him to order attacks on US interests throughout the world in revenge.

The call came as Tehran observed a nationwide day of mourning today.

Earlier today, President Ali Khamenei called President Reagan a murderer and said the attack on the Iranian airliner, in which 66 children were travelling, was a "savage and ruthless crime."

The US government should bear responsibility for any repercussions for their "catastrophic



Picture released by the Qatar News Agency taken from television and claiming to show the Iranian Airbus being approached from behind by unidentified object claimed to be the US missile which hit the airliner. (Reuters wirephoto)

act", he said.

Tehran Radio said in a commentary that the attack would be avenged "in the same blood-spattered skies of the Gulf."

An Iranian television showed dozens of bodies in a morgue in Bandar Abbas, among the 168 it said searchers had recovered from Gulf waters.

Iran said there were 274 passengers — 156 men, 52 women, 57 children between ages two and 12, and nine infants — and 16 crew members in the plane.

Searching

It said the bodies of 38 foreigners were among those recovered, including eight Indians, eight Pakistanis, six Yugoslavs, two Kuwaitis, one Italian and one Afghan. Many bodies were dragged

through the water tied together with rope by boats already full of corpses. They were then taken to temporary morgues on the Iranian mainland.

An Iranian Navy commander said the debris of the airliner scattered over a wide area after the mid-air explosion, and some bodies were retrieved five miles (eight km) away from the crash site, Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency said.

The commander said Iranian Navy frogmen were searching 34 yards (30 m) deep in coastal waters to find wreckage from the missiles fired at the airliner.

Iran's Air Force chief, Brig. Gen. Mansour Sattari, told a news conference in Tehran today the debris of the downed Airbus was found well within the zone of the international air corridor normally used by commercial

airliners flying the 140 miles (220 km) between Bandar Abbas and Dubai.

The managing director of Iran Air, told Tehran Radio that Flight 655 from Bandar Abbas to Dubai was "right in the middle" of a prescribed 20-knot (nautical mile) corridor when it was hit by missiles.

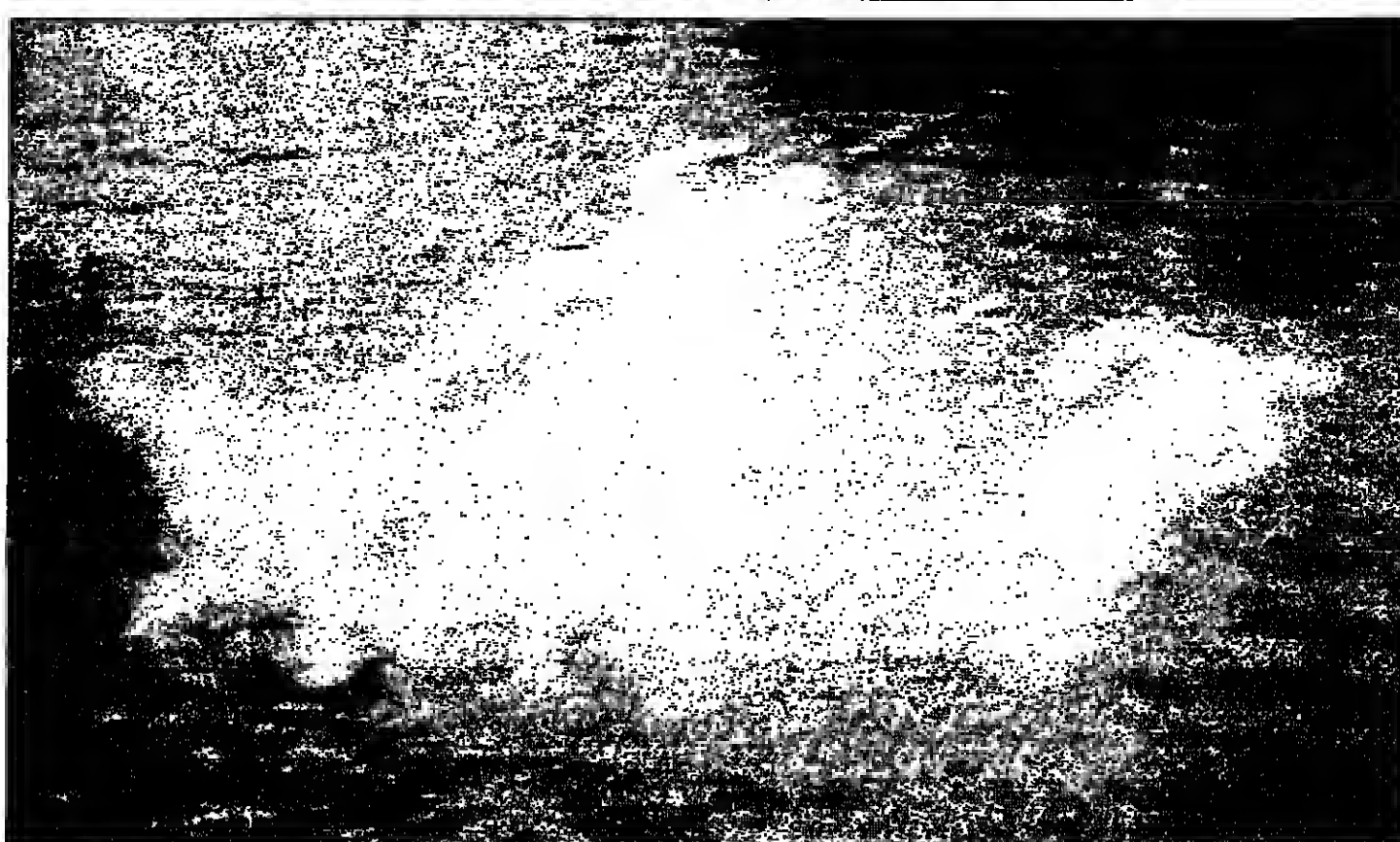
Adm. William Crowe, chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff, told a Pentagon news conference in Washington "the suspect aircraft was outside the prescribed commercial air corridor."

Iran Air cancelled all flights between Bandar Abbas and Dubai until further notice.

In Washington Reagan said: "I won't minimise the tragedy. We all know it was a tragedy."

"But we're talking about an

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Bodies of killed passengers of the ill-fated Iranian jetliner being recovered. (Reuters wirephoto)

Kuwait urges end to Gulf war

Friends and foes criticise US

LONDON, July 4, (Agencies): The United States faced widespread criticism from friends and foes yesterday for shooting down an Iranian civilian jetliner carrying 290 people amid suggestions the incident might jeopardise the safety of Western hostages in Lebanon.

Governments around the world also said that the incident underscored the need to end the Iran-Iraq war.

Western diplomats in Beirut said they feared American and British hostages held in the Lebanese capital were at greater risk.

Appeal

Kuwait yesterday issued an "urgent appeal" for an end to the Iran-Iraq war and warned that "more painful incidents" will occur if the conflict drags on.

The Foreign Ministry statement was the first official comment by any of the Gulf states menaced by the nearly eight-year-old war.

Kuwait has received with deep regret and sorrow the news of the shooting down of a civilian Iranian aircraft by US naval units

which have been clashing with Iranian gunboats when the jetliner flew over the area, the Kuwaiti statement said.

While Kuwait extends its condolences to the Iranian government and people and relatives of the victims, it emphasises that such a tragic incident has been the result of the continuation of tension in this area, where more painful incidents could take place," it said.

Regretted

"Therefore, Kuwait issues an urgent appeal for doubling efforts with the aim of speeding up an end to this tragic war that continues to rage between two Muslim neighbours and restoring stability and peace in this vital region of the world."

Bahrain regretted the incident and called for an early end of the state of tension in the region as a result of the continued Iraq-Iran war.

A Moscow Radio commentator said the shooting down of the airliner was a "deliberate mass murder" and rejected US

accounts that the tragedy was an accident.

But an official statement issued by the Tass news agency and read at a news conference by Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov appeared aimed at avoiding dramatic accusations against the United States.

"The tragedy yet again confirms that the American fleet must leave the waters of the Gulf without delay," the statement said.

China, Pakistan, Syria, Libya and Poland condemned the shooting down of the plane.

Opposed

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, in Beijing's first official reaction to the incident, said China was "shocked to learn that a US warship shot down with missiles an Iranian airliner in the Gulf region."

"We condemn this action and express our condolences for the victims," the spokesman said in a statement.

"We reiterate that the Chinese government is opposed to big

power military involvement in the Gulf region," he said. "Such involvement is not conducive to peace and stability in the region."

Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq condemned the act as highly regrettable and reprehensible.

At least eight Pakistanis, including Islamabad's military attaché in Tehran, were among the 290 people killed.

Reflects

"We urge the government of the United States to initiate a full inquiry into the incident and duly punish those responsible for this unpardonable act," Zia said.

Syria, Iran's main Arab ally in its war with Iraq, said the act was an ugly crime.

"This criminal action, which reflects a disdain of human lives, uncovers the dangers of the continuation of foreign fleets presence in the Gulf," an official statement said.

"While condemning this ugly crime, Syria calls on the world community to counter such

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WEATHER

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Fallak: 40°C 104°F
Minimum temperature recorded:
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Ahmad: 28°C 82°F
Fallak: 26°C 79°F
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 22 per cent
Ahmad: 24 per cent
Fallak: 26 per cent
Maximum humidity recorded:
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Banging his head for his family

MANAMA, July 4, (AP): One man seemed to lose his mind yesterday among the dozens of people shouting and clamouring for news at the Iran Air office in downtown Dubai.

He had lost 11 family members — eight children, his wife, her brother and his wife — aboard the Iran Air jetliner.

"The man just went out of his mind, going from pillar to post and banging his head," said a witness reached by telephone in the UAE. "He has lost his mind."

The witness, a shipping executive in the bustling port of Dubai in the southern Gulf, said the man is an Iranian and owned a supermarket called "Hormuz" after the strait.

The Iran Air office is not far from the Hormuz supermarket or the office of the shipping executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity.



Distraught Iranians gathered at Dubai airport for news of relatives who were aboard the Iranian Airbus. (Reuters wirephoto)

American embassies on full alert around the world

WASHINGTON, July 4, (Reuters): The US military insists Iran must share blame for the destruction of an Iranian jetliner while American embassies around the globe were on full alert today for possible retaliation.

The United States says its downing of the Iran Air Airbus A-300 yesterday was an accident, but says it is conducting a full investigation.

US experts said a major question to be answered was how the cruiser USS Vincennes, using the Navy's most sophisticated radar missile system, mistook the airliner for a much smaller warplane.

Share

Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff, and thus America's top military man, said Iran must share blame for the incident by allowing the airliner to fly into the midst of a battle between Iranian gunboats and US ships.

Iran rejected the US explanation that the shootdown was an accident, saying the airliner was in a normal commercial corridor on a flight from Bandar Abbas to Dubai, and vowed revenge.

The State Department said it had placed US embassies worldwide on alert and ordered appropriate security precautions.

"We deeply regret the loss of life here, but that commanding officer (Captain Will Rogers) had a very heavy obligation to protect his ships, his people," Crowe told reporters yesterday.

Mistake

"If a country is going to wage combat operations in a certain area and then send a commercial airliner into the area during that, of course it's an accident waiting to happen," he said.

US defence experts said the Aegis missile system was not likely to mistake a wide-bodied airliner for a relatively small F-14 jetfighter.

They said the system's computers can track the course,

speed and radar signature of more than 200 targets at a range of up to 240 miles.

But Crowe said that despite the system's sophistication, it was still difficult for the crew to tell one radar blip from another, particularly in battle and with little time to respond.

Warnings

Officers aboard an Italian frigate in the Gulf confirmed US reports that the ill-fated Iranian Airbus yesterday failed to answer several radio warnings and appeared to be off-course, the Naval Ministry said today.

A ministry spokesman said the officers, monitoring radar screens, said the airliner "appeared to be slightly outside the space reserved for commercial traffic."

He said the officers on board the frigate Espero, on escort duties in the Gulf, heard the US cruiser USS Vincennes tell the aircraft to identify itself and change course several times.

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Israel closes all W. Bank schools

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 4, (Reuters): Israel closed all 1,200 schools in the occupied West Bank today in a move to curb protests and Palestinians demonstrated against an Israeli archaeological excavation they said encroached on Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem.

Brigadier-General Shaikhe Erez, the West Bank administrator, said the schools' 300,000 students would go without classes for three days from tomorrow. Israel reopened the schools only last month after closures of up to five months.

"We will close the schools because students aren't studying but demonstrating," Erez told reporters. He called the action a warning to residents that such behaviour was unacceptable.

The Army reported demonstrations by Palestinians across the West Bank, notably in the Bethlehem area, where Israel Radio said troops fired teargas to disperse student protesters.

Palestinians said they were protesting against an Israeli excavation in Jerusalem yesterday that Muslim leaders said threatened to encroach on the nearby Al Aqsa mosque, one of Islam's holiest shrines.

Co-ordinate

Israeli officials agreed to postpone the work for several weeks and to co-ordinate work with the Waqf Islamic Trust, which owns the disputed area.

Demonstrations by stone-throwing crowds erupted in Arab centres from Nablus and Kalkilya to Ramallah and Bethlehem in the West Bank, and several schools closed in protest. Armed forces radio reported light demonstrations in Jerusalem.

24 killed as fighting flares in Beirut camp

BEIRUT, July 4, (AP): At least 24 people were killed after fighting between rival Palestinian commando groups erupted with artillery shells pulverising the Bourj Al Barajneh refugee camp today, according to police.

They said 67 others were wounded in the fighting which broke out at 5 am (0200 GMT) between Col Saeed Mousa's Fatah-uprising and Fatah commandos loyal to Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO.

That raised the known casualty toll since fighting broke out on May 1 to at least 151 killed and 594 wounded.

Several bodies littered the terrain along the camp's edges as the two warring factions launched a series of attacks and counter-attacks, witnesses said.

Lull

"The shelling is the worst we've had in years" said a woman who took advantage of a relative lull in the bombardment around noon to flee Bourj Al Barajneh.

Sultan Abul-Ainen, Fatah's commander in Bourj Al Barajneh, said 25 people, most of them women and children, were wounded when a 160mm mortar slammed into an entrance of a bomb shelter.

Police said they were among

the 67 wounded in today's fighting.

The fighting shattered a week-long lull in the inter-Palestinian war for control of the Beirut camps.

Mousa's fighters overran the nearby Shatilla camp on June 27 and had vowed to move into Bourj Al Barajneh in an attempt to crush Arafat's forces in the Lebanese capital.

At times shells and rockets rained at a rate of 20 a minute on the sprawling shantytown on Beirut's southern outskirts, police said.

They said the fighting forced the closing of the Beirut airport highway, which abuts Bourj Al Barajneh. Flight schedules were not affected and travellers got to the airport through side streets.

Columns of the thick black smoke billowed from the camp. Mousa's gunners, deployed in Syrian-controlled hills overlooking Beirut, hammered the camp with 120mm and 160mm mortars, rockets and 106mm recoilless guns, police reported.

Repulsed

They said Fatah fighters responded with 62mm mortars and rocket-propelled grenades.

Abul-Ainen, Fatah's commander, said his men repulsed 13 attempts by the dissident fighters to push into the camp in a fierce eight-hour confrontation.

Abul-Ainen, reached by telephone in Bourj Al Barajneh, said at least five corpses of the attackers "lay on the battlefield. The dissidents could not evacuate them due to the intensity of the fighting."

The fall of Shatilla was a serious setback for Arafat, who has called on Arab leaders to help end the fighting. Abul-Ainen said his fighters are determined to defend Bourj Al Barajneh "to the last man."

Kuwait embassy in Tehran reopens

IRAN said yesterday Kuwait's embassy in Tehran, ransacked by demonstrators in August, had reopened and was ready to receive Kuwaiti diplomats.

Iranian Charge d'Affaires in Kuwait, Mohammed Hussein Foroughi, said Iran had approved visas about a month ago for two Kuwaiti diplomats to take up assignments in the embassy.

But the diplomats had not yet arrived and the embassy was currently staffed by a local employee, Foroughi said.

Kuwait withdrew its diplomatic staff after the embassy was occupied by militants calling themselves members of Hezbollah.

DAY BY DAY

PRIOR to the Algerian summit conference, the news of the Palestinian uprising was paramount in the international press.

After the summit, the Zionist propaganda misconstrued the news to read as if it was a war being waged between Israel and the Arabs, when in fact, it has always and continues to be purely an uprising of the Palestinian people against Zionism.

All we are aiming to do is set the record right so that the feelings of sympathy so strongly expressed by the international press in support of the Palestinian uprising continue unabated.

Zahed Matar

INTERNATIONAL

Soviets record more than 50 hijack bids

MOSCOW, July 4, (UPI): The Soviet Union has had more than 50 airplane hijack attempts in the last 15 years, civil aviation authorities said.

Mikhail Timofeyev, deputy head of civil aviation, told the Trud newspaper the great majority of the skyjackings were foiled often with the help of crews and special commando squads on the ground.

"Beginning in 1970, hijackings became a serious problem for many national carriers in the world," Timofeyev said in the newspaper interview.

"As far as the Soviet situation, it is rather complex," he said. "There were more than 50 attempts to hijack Aeroflot planes inside the country in the last 15 years."

Until Timofeyev's disclosures, previous estimates had put the number of hijacks in the country since the mid-1950s at about 40 including both Aeroflot and military aircraft.

In addition, Timofeyev said that airport counterchecks in the country have detected and confiscated hundreds of small arms, explosive devices and even grenades.

Motives

Timofeyev discounted political motives for the hijackings, saying most of the attempts to seize aircraft were by mentally sick people.

In the most recent hijacking attempt in the Soviet Union, in March, a musical family rock group from Siberia, the Ovechkins, smuggled explosives and sawed-off shotguns on board inside their instrument cases in an attempt to get to Britain.

Soviet special squads finally stormed the plane near Leningrad, killing 11 people, including five of the hijackers, ending the drama that began in Irkutsk.

Palestinians proceed to Makkah

Israel makes hajj difficult for Arabs

ALLENBY BRIDGE, Occupied West Bank, July 4, (AP): Hundreds of Palestinians, many dressed in white prayer robes and carrying bedrolls, crossed this Israeli checkpoint today into Jordan for the annual pilgrimage to Makkah, the holy city of Islam in Saudi Arabia.

Some 5,000 Muslims from Israel will make the pilgrimage, or "Hajj," this month, the highest number since 1977 when Saudi Arabia first permitted Israeli Arabs to visit Makkah.

But the Arab uprising has reduced the number of pilgrims from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to 1,300, down 75 per cent from last year. Palestinians blamed tight pocket-books and extra exit restrictions imposed by Israel to quell the uprising.

Checks

"It hurts my heart that so many of my brothers cannot go this year," said Ali Mohammed Jaber, 35, from the Arah village of Taibeh. "I will pray for them and for peace everywhere in the Muslim world."

Jaber, dressed in a white robe and prayer cap, spoke in the parking lot of the Allenby Bridge checkpoint where about 25 buses carrying pilgrims waited to make the crossing into Jordan.

Around him, other white-robed pilgrims stood amid their belongings to prepare for a last security check. The parking lot was filled with suitcases, bedrolls, and plastic yellow shopping baskets containing Arab pita bread and olives.

In one corner of the parking lot, Israeli officials and Arab dignitaries held a brief ceremony to send off the pilgrims, but the speeches only drew a crowd of about 50, apparently because the others were busy with their travel arrangements.

Doctors

Zvulun Orlev, the director-general of Religious Affairs Ministry, cited Israel's religious tolerance and reminded the audience of persecution suffered by Jews.

He also said this year's pilgrimage was overshadowed by last year's riots in Makkah that "demanded a high price in blood and desecrated the most sacred site of Islam."

More than 400 people, most of them Iranians, were killed and hundreds injured in the clashes between Iranian pilgrims and Saudi security personnel.

"I'm lucky I wasn't there last year," said Abed Guana, 49, from Taibeh, who is embarking

on his third Hajj. "But I'm not worried about my safety this time."

Religious Affairs Ministry officials said three doctors were accompanying the pilgrims, partly to ensure medical care in case of renewed clashes.

The Arab pilgrims leave for Makkah during a three-day period ending Wednesday and must return by early August.

According to the Muslim lunar calendar, the pilgrimage month is expected to begin July 14. The high point of the Hajj marking Abraham's sacrifice of his son should fall on July 22.

Pilgrims must get special permits to pass through Jordan. Both Jordan and Saudi Arabia are technically at war with Israel.

Israeli officials barred pilgrims from returning with more than \$1,200 to block the flow of funds that might be used to finance the nearly 7-month-old uprising, Israel Radio reported.

Udi Bahat, a spokesman for the Religious Affairs Ministry, said the number of Arab pilgrims was up 20 per cent from last year. He cited as reasons for the increase the Islamic revival in the Middle East and the fact that Israel this year reduced the minimum age for pilgrims from 35 to 30.

Israeli trespassing condemned

CAIRO, July 4, (UPI): The Al Azhar Mosque, Cairo's 1,000-year-old seat of Islamic learning, urged Arab kings and heads-of-state today to take "positive action" for the protection of Islamic holy shrines in the occupied Jerusalem against Israeli trespassing.

A statement issued by Al Azhar's chief, Sheikh Jad-ul-Haq Ali Jad-ul-Haq, asked the Arab leaders to "take positive action for the protection of Jerusalem and repelling the aggression mounted by Israel,

which violated the sanctity of Al Azhar Mosque by digging tunnels below it."

Al Azhar Mosque is Islam's third holiest shrine, ranking next only to holy spots in Makkah and Medina in Saudi Arabia.

The statement also urged the Arab leaders to provide "material, political and moral support for the Palestinians to confront this Israeli intransigence."

Hundreds of Palestinians rioted in old Jerusalem yesterday, protesting against what they

consider an Israeli attempt to dig a passageway below the mosque, that would give orthodox Jews access to the area. The Israelis said the tunnel was an archaeological dig that would not be open for public use.

"The entire Islamic nation, with all its peoples and rulers, will be responsible before God and history for this indifference to the aggression on Jerusalem and the continuing and criminal aggression of the Palestinians," the Al Azhar chief said in his statement.



● Passengers work out at what is believed to be the world's first travelling exercise gym in the Fitness Express, a bullet train running 550 km between Tokyo and Osaka. A major beer brewery tied up with the Japan Railway Tokai Company takes advantage of the health boom in Nagoya, Japan, and makes practical use of long train rides. (Reuter wirephoto)

Space shuttle rolls out

US marks Independence Day

NEW YORK, July 4, (AP): America began celebrating the Fourth of July with a flag-waving ceremony for the rollout of space shuttle Discovery and the approach of the nation's return to space, in a mostly sunny holiday.

"America, the dream is still alive," astronaut Dave Hilmers told a crowd of several hundred engineers, technicians and others at Kennedy Space Centre.

But around the country, drought left many Americans facing a fair-weather holiday without fireworks as the nation marked its 212th birth with parades, food fests and other fun. In Philadelphia, where the

Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, festivities were to feature the freedom festival parade, with high school bands from across America. A ceremony was scheduled later on the steps of Independence Hall, scene of the historic signing.

Prize

City officials on Sunday announced the creation of the Philadelphia liberty medal, an annual \$100,000 prize to be given each July fourth to someone in the world who has promoted freedom.

Tens of thousands of people were expected Monday night for an annual fireworks display at

the Empire State Plaza in Albany, New York. Even more were expected to watch a fireworks extravaganza over New York City's East River.

In St. Louis, Vice-President George Bush was to make two appearances at the giant VP fair. Fair organisers were expecting up to one million people to visit the gateway arch grounds on the fair's third day.

More than 2,500 members of the Rainbow Family back-to-nature group gathered in Zavalla, Texas, for the group's 17th annual July fourth celebration, where they pray for peace, love and harmony.

Foreign victims

NICOSIA, July 4, (AP): Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency today reported the following 35 foreigners killed in an Iran Air Airbus A-300 shot down by the US Navy over the Gulf yesterday.

The agency said the list provided by Iran Air, does not include all 40 foreign passengers reported to have been aboard the plane.

It noted that two Kuwaitis listed on the flight manifest may have listed as UAE citizens. The list includes what appear to have been several families.

YUGOSLAVIA: Militocovic Rezo, Semat Ciro, Sefko Gug, Gregorir Govic, Bogoljub Prigecic and Slogodan Nesovic.

PAKISTAN: Munir Arshad, naval and air attaché at the Pakistani embassy in Tehran, Vajeh Arshad, Arefeh Arshad, Ahrima Arshad, Mohammad

Bahadddin, and Ehsan Shahrazad.

INDIA: Dr Aziz Arsi, Mrs Wasiba Arsi, Sehebaram Arsi, Fahish Arsi, Mohammed Ali Arsi, Mr Raman, Mrs Prabha Raman, Kalpana Raman, Sriram Raman.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Hassan Ali Mohammad, Fahad Hassan (infant), Faisal Hassan (infant), Fatima Hassan (infant), Simin Mohammad, Fatima Mohammad, Mena Mohammad Abdul Rahman, Wahideh Mohammad Abdul Rahman, Mohammad

Ahmedallah Abdel Rahman, Khaled Mohammad Abdul Rahman, Ahmad Mohammad Abdul Rahman, Saleh Ahmad Abdallah aod Badrieh Shabha Ibrahim.

The list included one Italian, identified only as Caputo. Nasser, ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, told a news conference he made the demands while presenting a letter of protest from Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

American embassies...

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"The warnings were not replied to," the spokesman said. The Espeno changed course yesterday to head for the area where Airbus went down and to offer help in searching for survivors or bodies.

Security

It remained at the limit of Iranian waters, but its offers of help went unanswered. Strict security was in force at London's Heathrow airport

today as precautions were taken against possible reprisals for the Iranian airliner attack.

Police liaised with airlines and airport authorities to protect likely targets at the world's busiest international airport, with special attention being paid to American operations.

A bomb exploded in a rubbish skip opposite the US embassy in Madrid this morning and the Interior Ministry said it suspected radical Arab or Iranian sympathisers.



● The Princess of Wales chats with three-year-old Ashley Scott after being presented with flowers by the child following the opening of the 'Mother and Baby Unit' at a Crises Intervention Centre in London. (Reuter wirephoto)

Friends and foes criticise US

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crimes, which put people in continuous fear," it added.

Libya said it was a "disgraceful terrorist act" and called for the withdrawal of all US fleets and military bases outside American territorial waters and territory.

Poland also expressed indignation over the incident and called for the replacement of US warships in the Gulf with United Nations vessels.

Deplored

India deplored as an act of violence the US shooting down of the Iranian Airbus.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi extended his sympathies to Iran and to the families of the Indian victims.

Nine Indians, including five children, were thought to have been on board the plane.

France expressed consternation at the shooting down of the plane calling it a tragic mistake that should be fully explained.

"Full light should be cast on the circumstances under which such a tragic mistake could occur," the Foreign Affairs Ministry said in a statement.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher expressed regret

for the "tragic accident" but said US forces had the right to defend themselves.

"This has been a tragedy for all concerned," Thatcher said in a statement. "We understand that in the course of an engagement following an Iranian attack on the US force, warnings were given to an unidentified aircraft apparently closing with the US warship, but these warnings received no response."

Thatcher said: "We fully accept the right of forces engaged in such hostilities to defend themselves."

Britain, which also has warships protecting the shipping lanes of the Gulf, said it had been in contact with the United States about the incident.

A British statement said: "This tragic accident underlines the urgent need for an early end to the Iran-Iraq conflict, including an end to all attacks on shipping."

Spain issued a statement saying it "deeply laments the tragic error," adding that "the government hopes that this lamentable incident will not lead to an increase of tension in the zone."

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke said he believed the downing of the Iran Air plane

was a case of "mistaken identity" in the heat of battle.

Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Hayden said the incident "underscores the urgent need to bring the war between Iran and Iraq to a negotiated and lasting settlement."

Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, touring Australia, said in a statement issued in Canberra, "Japan offers heartfelt condolences to the victims who lost their lives in the tragic incident. Japan hopes similar incidents will not be repeated."

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid said: "This painful incident dramatises the dangers through which the peoples of the Gulf are living. It should prompt the concerned parties and the world community to work seriously and quickly for realising a just peace and reconstructing what was destroyed by war."

Japan Airlines said it will reroute its Kuwait to Tokyo flight from Dubai.

In Tokyo, JAL said the leg of the Kuwait-Tokyo flight 472 from Bahrain to Karachi, which normally flies over Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, would travel a "more southerly course"

than usual across the Gulf, passing over Muscat in Oman to avoid the Dubai area.

JAL operates four flights a week on the route.

Members of US Congress generally defended the US missile attack on the plane but called for a thorough investigation and a review of US policy in the Gulf.

House majority leader Tom Foley, interviewed on NBC television's "Today" programme said all information about the destruction of the jet should be released publicly "to demonstrate that the United States does not make war on innocents, that this was a terrible accident, that we deeply regret it."

But he said "it would be a great mistake for the United States to abruptly withdraw its forces after this tragic accident."

Democratic nominee-to-be Michael Dukakis said yesterday that "our armed forces have a right to defend themselves," while Republican George Bush would not comment on the destruction of the plane.

Jesse Jackson said today the White House should re-evaluate its Middle East policy but that the US should maintain its presence in the Gulf.

Iran vows revenge for plane shooting

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incident in which a plane, on radar, was observed coming in the direction of a ship in combat, and the plane began lowering its altitude.

"So I think it was an understandable accident" because the ship believed "it was under attack by that plane," he said.

Reagan, who yesterday called the incident a "terrible human tragedy," rejected Iranian assertions that the downing of the plane was premeditated.

"I don't go much by what the Iranians say — ever," he said. Asked if he was worried about Iranian threats of retaliation, the President said: "We have to think about that, knowing who they are."

Reagan rejected comparisons of the incident to the Soviet Union's downing of a Korean Airlines jet in September, 1983.

"With regard to the Soviets' comparing this to the KAL shootdown, there was a great difference. Our shot was fired as a result of a radar screen of a plane approaching it at quite a distance."

"Remember, the KAL — a group of Soviet fighter planes went up, identified it for what it was, and then proceeded to shoot it down. There's no comparison," he said, adding, US warships will remain in the Gulf.

Reagan concluded: "We want peace in the Gulf, but we also want the right of navigation in international waters."

Investigators

The President spoke as a team of military investigators headed by Admiral William Fogarty left from Florida for an undisclosed Gulf location. Fogarty is a senior officer of the Central Command, which is in charge of US forces in the Gulf.

They were to question the officers and crew of the Aegis-armored guided missile cruiser USS Vincennes to determine why the wide-bodied passenger jet, on a flight from Bandar Abbas to Dubai, was mistaken for a much smaller, faster F-14 fighter plane.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today co-ordinated the US downing of an Iranian airliner, which he said appears to have been an error, and called for restraint in the Gulf.

"The secretary-general cannot but condemn what appears to have been a tragic error and calls for the greatest restraint in these difficult moments for the peace and security of the region," UN spokeswoman Therese Gastaut said.

The statement came shortly after Iranian Ambassador Sorous Nasser told him the United States must try the naval personnel responsible, make compensation and pull its "aggressive, incompetent" forces out of the Gulf.

Nasser, ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, told a news conference he made the demands while presenting a letter of protest from Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

"The United States should immediately stop the military people responsible on trial, compensate for all human and material loss and withdraw its aggressive, incompetent forces from the Gulf," he said.

Compensation

He contradicted a statement by Iran's ambassador in Abu Dhabi ruling out settlement of the incident through US compensation or apology.

"I'm just presenting to you the official statements that I have presented to the secretary-general," he said.

He would not say how much compensation would be required. "That needs to be seen. What is clear at this stage is that first the United States should accept and take responsibility for what they have done."

Unlike statements by Tehran Radio and by Iranian diplomats elsewhere, the ambassador did not threaten retaliation.

Nasser also said that because he could not trust a US investigation, he requested a UN investigating team.

Soviet amnesty

MOSCOW, July 4, (UPI): The Soviet Union today offered an amnesty to soldiers who deserted to the West during the Afghan war and promised not to prosecute any prisoners of war who may have committed crimes damaging to the state while in captivity.

Prosecutor-General Alexander Sukharev was quoted by the Tass news agency as saying the state was concerned about the fate of 311 Soviet servicemen who are officially missing-in-action in Afghanistan.

Soviet officials have said they believe one-third of those 311 are dead and the rest are in captivity, most of them in Pakistan.



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Jackson calls for release of American hostages

BEIRUT, July 4. (Reuters): American politician Jesse Jackson appealed today to the captors of foreign hostages in Lebanon to free them as a step towards peace and security in the Middle East.

"The first step for peace in the Middle East and Lebanon starts by freeing all the hostages," the defeated contender for the Democratic presidential nomination told Beirut's leftist As-Safir daily.

"To those who are hearing me, release Terry Anderson, Terry Waite and all the hostages as an investment for a peaceful and secured future," Jackson said in an interview he gave at his home in Chicago.

Jackson said he was concerned at the fate of 10 American nationals who are among 18 Westerners missing in Lebanon and believed kidnapped by pro-Iranian fundamentalists.

Anderson is an American journalist kidnapped in 1985. Waite, a British church envoy, was seized in 1987.

"Those people who are held as hostages were convicted and kept in captivity because of policies they did not make," Jackson said.

He was apparently referring to the policies of the American government in the region and towards Iran, whose revolutionary Islamic ideals are held by groups holding foreign nationals in Lebanon.

Jackson, who helped release an American pilot captured by Syrian forces in 1983, said:

"To those men in the Middle East who kidnapped foreigners through their battles of survival in order to maintain their struggle, I tell them:

"You have expressed your stands, everybody has heard your voice and now the first step should be toward the solution."

Cordovez urges Afghan refugees to return home

PESHAWAR, July 4. (UPI): UN envoy Diego Cordovez has urged Afghan refugees to take advantage of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and return to their homeland to "form a government of your liking."

"On August 15, when half of the Soviet troops will be withdrawn, the country will be in your hands," Cordovez told about 200 refugees at the Kachi Garhi camp about 3 km from the frontier city of Peshawar.

"You should take advantage of this historic opportunity," Cordovez said. "You should form a government of your liking."

The UN special envoy on Afghanistan arrived in Pakistan Thursday as part of a mission to the region to review implementation of the April 14 UN-mediated Geneva accord and renew efforts towards establishing a broad-based interim government in Kabul. He is scheduled to travel to the Afghan capital Tuesday.

Under the settlement, signed by Afghanistan, Pakistan, the



Cordovez with a Pashtun turban

United States and the Soviet Union, Moscow is to withdraw its more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan by February and all parties agree to encourage the return of the more than three million Afghan refugees residing in Pakistan.

Cordovez, who negotiated the

accord, said Afghans will be able to form a government acceptable to all sides by relying on their traditions.

He did not elaborate. But in an interview published in the newspaper, The Muslim, he advocated the calling of a loya jirga, or grand tribal assembly, to decide on an interim government in Afghanistan.

Hardline leaders of the seven-party guerrilla alliance based in Peshawar have rejected the idea of a loya jirga, and last month announced a 14-member "interim government" intended to run the country after the expected fall of President Najibullah's government. They have also refused to meet with Cordovez, despite opposition from more moderate guerrilla leaders.

Support
Cordovez indirectly rejected the "government-in-exile" in his speech, delivered in searing heat to a largely silent all-male crowd at the camp.

"They have been trying to generate broad-based support (for

the interim government) but it doesn't seem to be the case," he said.

Cordovez was accompanied by Gen. Rauli Helminen, head of the UN team overseeing compliance with the Geneva accord, during his visit to the camp, a sprawling maze of mud huts that houses about 50,000 Afghan refugees. About 40 police officers ringed the site where he spoke.

Since arriving in Pakistan from Iran, Cordovez, who is scheduled to take over as foreign minister in his native Ecuador in August, has met with President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and Foreign Minister Yaqub Khan for talks that included alleged violations of the Geneva agreement.

Pakistan has charged its war-torn neighbour with violating the settlement by staging cross-border air and artillery attacks, while Afghanistan alleges Pakistan has breached the agreement by continuing to harbour museum guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed government.



A leftist activist cuts his skin with a razor blade before signing in his own blood a petition calling for removal of US bases in the Philippines. (Reuters wirephoto)

To secure Western interests in Mideast

US urged to sign treaty with Israel

TEL-AVIV, July 4. (Reuters): The rising star of Israel's right-wing Herut Party, Benyamin Netanyahu, says the United States should sign a NATO-style strategic alliance treaty with Israel to secure Western interests in the Middle East.

American-educated Netanyahu, 38, who quit as Israel's United Nations ambassador to run for parliament, said the treaty would form a basis for eventual peace between Israel and moderate Arab states.

In an interview with Reuters, he also advocated expelling hundreds of Palestinian "inciters" to end an uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"A formal treaty would not be subject to revocation like the existing memoranda of understanding. It would create an axis of stability and strength for Western interests in the Middle East," Netanyahu claimed.

"I would suggest we make a series of covert and in some cases overt alliances based on a formal

strategic treaty between Israel and the United States.

US leaders have avoided such a formal commitment to Israel for fear of upsetting Arab allies.

Netanyahu caused an upset last week when he topped a first-round poll of Herut parliamentary candidates for the Nov 1 elections. He wants to be prime minister some day.

"The real conflict in the Middle East is not between Israel and the Arabs but between radicals and non-radicals," he said.

Bangladesh jails have 1,300 foreigners

DHAKA, July 4. (Reuters): Nearly 1,300 foreigners are in jail in Bangladesh convicted of smuggling or travelling on fake documents, Home Minister Abdul Matin said.

He told parliament during question time that 1,292 foreigners from 14 countries were serving various sentences imposed since 1982.

They included 153 Indians, 71 Burmese, 30 Nepalese, 13 Sri Lankans and eight Pakistanis. The rest were Australian, British, West German, French, Thai, Indonesian, Filipino, Singaporean and Hong Kong nationals, he said.

The foreigners were convicted of smuggling gold or drugs, or with "illegal trespass" with fake travel documents, Matin said.

Foreign Minister Humayun Rasheed Choudhury said 397 Bangladeshis were in jail in Oman, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Iraq and Kuwait for entering those countries without proper documents.

China urged to follow Soviets in examining past

BEIJING, July 4. (Reuters): A top Chinese intellectual praised Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for endorsing dictator Josef Stalin and asked when China would dare to do the same to Mao Tse-tung.

Xia Yan, 88, one of China's most famous writers and journalists, told the official World Economic Herald the Soviet Union had gone much further than China in examining its past and its leaders honestly.

"Gorbachev's public criticism shows the Soviets' openness is far ahead of ours," said Xia, a vice-minister of culture who was attacked as "bourgeois" and "lost the post in 1965."

"He (Gorbachev) has criticised Stalin so severely. But which of us dares to criticise openly Mao Tse-tung?" he said.

Gorbachev last week announced that a monument would be erected to the victims of Stalin's repression. "To restore justice to the victims of lawlessness is our political and moral duty," he told a Communist Party conference.

Millions of ordinary Soviet citizens and party members died in Stalin's purges and forced collectivisation of agriculture and the famine that followed.

Thereformist leadership of Deng Xiaoping has repudiated most of the policies of Mao, who died in 1976. His memory is still venerated, his portrait overlooks Tiananmen Square, and Chinese queue outside his mausoleum in the square where Mao proclaimed communist China in 1949.

Stalin's portrait is also erected in the square during communist festivals.

More than 50 die in China floods

HONG KONG, July 4. (AP): Flood waters high-velocity winds and hail storms plagued China's central Sichuan province in recent days, killing more than 50 people and injuring more than 1,000 others, according to an official report.

The violent weather also ruined crops, disrupted transportation and wrecked tens of thousands of homes, the China news service said in a report appearing today in Hong Kong newspapers.

Gaoxian in southern Sichuan, more than 1,600 kilometres southwest of Beijing, was hit on June 25 with storms and wind that triggered mountain torrents and mud-rock flows that cut roads and communications, the report said.

The storm destroyed about 140,000 homes and 25,346 hectares of crops in more than 1,100 villages in Gaoxian, the report said, quoting flood prevention authorities in Sichuan.

Ys'an, about 128 kilometres southwest from the provincial capital of Chengdu, was hit hard by storms on Friday evening, the report said. More than 6,500 hectares of crops were destroyed and major roads were blocked including the one linking Sichuan to Tibet, it said.

Aquino vows to stop wave of killings

Bombs rock anti-US protests

MANILA, July 4. (Reuters): Home-made bomb explosions rocked a protest rally by 5,000 Philippine leftists in front of the US embassy today and at least three policemen were wounded, eyewitnesses said.

The bombs went off shortly after the demonstrators, led by a Philippine congressman and the heads of major leftist groups, handed a US embassy official a symbolic eviction notice signed in blood demanding the removal of US military bases here.

Protesters threw stones and sticks at police as they ran away after two home-made devices exploded in the police ranks.

Police accused demonstrators of throwing the bombs.

"The military bases, facilities and troops must withdraw from the Philippine territory no later than Sept. 16, 1991," read the eviction notice which Congressman Bonifacio Gillego slipped

through iron bars into the hands of an embassy officer.

The date refers to the expiry of a bilateral agreement allowing the United States to operate Clark and Subic Bay Air and Navy bases, the largest US military establishments in Asia.

Gillego and about two dozen leftist leaders cut their forearms and fingers to sign the notice in their own blood.

Confidence

Meanwhile, President Corason Aquino today warned a wave of killings of human rights activists could destroy public confidence in her, as communist rebels vowed to avenge the assassinations.

"I have been after them," Aquino told reporters, referring to her efforts to push the military and police to solve the murders, and stop future killings.

Aquino said she had told com-

stahulary chief Major-General Ramon Montano "We really have to come up with a speedy solution ... otherwise people would lose confidence in us."

Aquino said she was also meeting her chief civilian investigator, National Bureau of Investigation chief J. Antonio Carpio, to discuss the issue.

Leftist groups have blamed right-wing death squads comprising military and police elements for the murders.

"Is there no end to it?" said the Manila Standard, commenting on the assassination at the weekend of the third human rights lawyer in two weeks, and on several other apparently politically motivated killings.

No arrests have been made and police say they have no firm clues to those responsible.

Leftist groups say the death squads are drawn from the police or military.

After setback in parliament

Roh proposes new chief justice

SEOUL, July 4. (Reuters): President Roh Tae-Woo today named an independent retired judge as South Korea's chief justice after the opposition-controlled parliament imposed a humiliating veto on his first choice.

A presidential spokesman said Roh abandoned plans to promote Supreme Court Judge Chung Ki-Sung and instead picked Lee Il-Kyu, one of several names recommended by the opposition.

In the first show of opposition muscle since the government lost its majority in April, the chamber on Saturday threw out Roh's nominee after the ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP) insisted on bringing the issue to a vote.

The DJP, which now holds only 125 of the 299 National Assembly seats, had vainly sought support from splinter opposition groups and independents.

Reputation

Lee, 67, built a reputation for independence during his 12-year stint as a Supreme Court judge up in 1985. On more than one occasion, he acquitted defendants convicted by lower courts of spying for North Korea on the grounds that their confessions had been extracted under duress. The post of chief justice

became vacant last month when Kim Young-Chul resigned following calls by junior judges for greater judicial independence in line with current democratic reforms.

More than a third of South Korea's 940 judges had signed petitions calling for the dismissal of Supreme Court justices appointed by Roh's autocratic predecessor, Chun Doo-Hwan. They claimed the former President tried to influence court verdicts.

Retirement

Though the normal term for a chief justice is six years, the elderly Lee will have to retire in just over two years when he reaches the age limit of 70.

Opposition parties and Korean Bar Association officials today welcomed Lee's appointment which they said should be approved by the assembly on Tuesday.

Meanwhile opposition members again pledged in parliament a thorough-going probe into allegations of corruption and abuses of power by Chun and his relatives.

Court officials said Chun's younger brother and 13 other people would go on trial on July 18 accused of embezzling millions of dollars of public funds.

Papua New Guinea prime minister loses job

PORT MORESBY, July 4. (AP): Paias Winge was replaced as Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea today following a no-confidence motion on the floor of parliament.

The Members of Parliament voted 58-50 against Winge and installed opposition leader Rabble Namaliu as the new prime minister.

The vote followed a weekend of intense lobbying and the defection of a number of Winge's political allies from the Highlands region, who are members of treasurer Michael Mel's National Party.

Winge led the People's Democratic Movement which governed in a coalition with the National Party. He claimed a faction of the party led by his long-time rival Paul Pora had brought about his downfall.

After the vote, Winge, 36, crossed the parliament floor and congratulated the new prime minister. Winge later said he had no plans to demand a new vote of confidence and pledged to co-operate with the new coalition government for the stability of the country.

Namaliu later was taken to the governor-general's office to be sworn in. The parliament was adjourned until the new government is ready to resume business.

Namaliu, 39, is the member for Kokopo, an electorate on the island of East New Britain in the New Guinea islands.

Security issue tops agenda

Shultz to begin Asian tour

WASHINGTON, July 4. (AP): Secretary of State George Shultz crosses the Pacific this week to visit nine capitals and field major policy talks including discussion of security in the South Pacific.

Shultz's agenda includes such issues as the Olympics, Cambodia's future, American military bases in the Philippines, Chinese missile exports, US trade deficits with newly prosperous Pacific nations, "boat people" refugees from Vietnam and other problems lingering from the Indochina war.

Shultz also expects to brief Asian officials on the Moscow superpower summit and the West's economic summit at Toronto last month.

Shultz's two-week journey is scheduled to begin on Tuesday and will be longest to East Asia as secretary of state. Meetings begin on Thursday in Bangkok, Thailand, with a three-day Pacific rim ministerial summit of ASEAN. Also attending will be foreign ministers of their major trading partners including Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Australia and the European Common Market.

The secretary of state is scheduled to continue on to Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philip-

pines, Hong Kong, China, South Korea, Japan and the new Marshall Islands Republic, about 4,000 kilometres south-west of Hawaii.

Talks on the future of Cambodia will dominate Shultz's stops in Bangkok and Beijing.

In Bangkok, Shultz is expected to meet Cambodian Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who is supported by ASEAN and "should emerge as head of state" of an independent Cambodia, said a US official.

Withdrawal

Recent announcements of a partial end of the 10-year Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia have focused US and ASEAN attention on whether Cambodia could be taken over again by the Khmer Rouge, blamed for the deaths of millions of Cambodians.

US relations with China "are basically pretty good," the official said, but Shultz will stress to the Chinese, main supporters of the Khmer Rouge, that return of the Cambodian group is unacceptable.

The State Department has declined to comment on a published report that the Chinese have offered asylum to Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot to remove him

from Cambodia while confirming that Beijing has indicated support for non-Khmer Rouge rule in Cambodia.

Shultz also will again voice US concern about a reported flow of Chinese missiles to "hot spots" in the Middle East, the US source said.

In addition to discussing prospects for successful and trouble-free Olympic Games in Seoul, Shultz expects to make a major speech there July 18 on expanding democracy and human rights in South Korea.

US use of Philippine military bases probably will be aired with other ASEAN countries interested in the US presence in Southeast Asia as well as the Philippines, the US official said. Also to be discussed in Manila are plans for multilateral aid to the government.

In Bangkok, Shultz will urge ASEAN countries against cutting back on providing Vietnamese refugees "first asylum" pending arrangements to transfer them elsewhere, the US official said. The United States on its part will continue doing what it can to help an increasing flow of "boat people," including "absorbing as many as we can into our country," he said.



Amerasians hand over their boarding cards to an Air Vietnam hostess while boarding a flight for Bangkok and eventually the United States for resettlement. (Reuters wirephoto)

ASEAN foreign ministers meet in Bangkok

'Peace at hand in Cambodia'

BANGKOK, July 4. (AP): Peace is at hand in Cambodia with a new dialogue between rebels and the Vietnam-backed government, Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda told Southeast Asian foreign ministers today.

Prem, opening the annual foreign minister's conference of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, said negotiations on the nine-year-old war could lead to a new era of peace and prosperity in Southeast Asia.

The ministers echoed Prem's optimism and called on Vietnam to halt the increased flow of "boat people" refugees to Southeast Asian shores.

ASEAN comprises Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, the Philippines and Singapore.

Special UN envoy Rafeuddin Ahmed last week travelled to Indochina to present a UN plan

to end the Cambodian conflict to leaders of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

"Cambodia may be like Lebanon if there is no settlement," he said at the ASEAN meeting today.

Concessions

An ASEAN delegate who saw a copy of the confidential UN document said it would require major concessions by all sides, including the dismantling of the pro-Hanoi government in Cambodia, something Phnom Penh has rejected.

ASEAN has been a major supporter of a three-party Cambodian coalition fighting the Vietnamese. The rebel coalition comprises Prince Norodom Sihanouk the leader of the coalition; the Khmer Rouge; and the non-communist Khmer People's

National Liberation Front.

Vietnam invaded Cambodia in 1978 to topple the brutal Khmer Rouge government, which killed millions of people during its 1975-78 rule.

The four warring sides have agreed to meet later this month in Jakarta for informal talks.

Hanoi last week began a partial pullout of 50,000 troops from Cambodia and has pledged to work towards a political settlement and a total withdrawal of its forces by 1990.

Prem said Southeast Asia had been so burdened by the Cambodian problem that it had lost a decade of possible economic cooperation.

"Let all concerned parties waste no more time," he said. "The opportunity for real peace in Kampuchea (Cambodia) and Southeast Asia is at hand."

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No plan to dismiss Health Ministry staff

By Bassam Qassas

SENIOR authoritative sources have disclosed that the present administrative reorganisation process at the Ministry of Public Health will not result in the dismissal of any employee.

Speaking to a local daily, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health, Dr Nael Al Naqib, indicated that the ministry provided one doctor for every 600 patients and one nurse for every 170 persons. However, he said, the shortage of doctors and nurses was not severe.

The reorganisation planned included redistribution of the existing numbers of doctors and nurses on an equitable basis, and recruiting more qualified staff to replace those retiring, he said.

Promotions
The undersecretary conceded that the ministry suffered from shortage in staff in fields of accountancy, legal affairs, medical technical services, pharmaceutical and nursing services. There were plans to study the existing workforce, he said, and commented that currently there

had been a rise in recruitment as the ministry was determined to meet the projected high demand for health services due to growth in population. He pointed out that the ministry was considering levying some charges for services.

Al Naqib was critical of the existing promotion system and the absence of pre-promotion evaluation, which resulted in ill-qualified employees promoted to higher grades. Promotions, he said, were rewards for outstanding performance and achievements. Further, promotion requirements were confined to four grades annually — five for categories A and B (for Kuwaitis) and five grades for non-Kuwaitis.

New hospitals
The construction of a new hospital in Failaka was delayed pending the determination of the needed number of beds and equipment, Al Naqib said. Further, he added, the ministry could provide the required health services on board a helicopter or appropriate technologically advanced transport

which would cost less. There were fifteen new appointees as doctors at the psychiatric diseases hospital and the ministry was planning to upgrade the psychiatric services further, he said. The move to permit doctors part-time employment in the private sector under well-defined constraints was under consideration he added.

Centres
The undersecretary lauded the ministry's efforts to develop the family practitioners' concept and said by the end of this year a new batch of general practitioners would graduate with diplomas. Accordingly, he disclosed, the ministry was planning to construct five centres for general medical practice services in the various areas.

Concluding, Al Naqib said that the ministry was reinforcing its dental prevention policy through awareness campaigns at schools and there were plans to expand the existing dental services through the construction of more dental care centres in various locations.



● US Ambassador to Kuwait W. Nathaniel Howell (right) receiving Kuwait's Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazidi at a reception held yesterday on the occasion of American Independence Day. (Photo by Raed Qutaina)

CSC committee to meet ministers

A LOCAL daily quoted a well informed source as saying that the committee formed by the Civil Service Council will arrange to meet with each minister as of today.

The committee chaired by the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rasheed will also hold meetings with the undersecretaries and assistant undersecretaries.

The most important issue to be discussed by the administrative reforms committee is the facilitating of services to be rendered to the public in compliance with the directives of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The source said that each minister would keep the committee informed of the latest develop-

ments relating to the administrative reforms at their respective ministries.

The source further disclosed that most of the senior officials were non graduates and more so, even those employees who were graduates had realised no change of status in their jobs.

However, the source added that the administrative reform plan constituted a comprehensive change designed to keep up with latest developments and praised the measures instituted by the Ministry of State for Municipal Affairs, the Ministries of Finance, Public Health and Commerce and Industry in addition to the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries.

Amir grants scholarships

HH the Amir yesterday ordered the allocation of a grant for creative and bright youths to be sent to advanced countries to develop their scientific talents.

The Amir's gesture came during an audience with board chairman of the Science Club Abdullah Al Sharhan.

The scholarships stemmed from the Amir's faith in the important role of the club and as token appreciation of perseverance and talents of bright youths.

The creative youths will be sent abroad for further studies during summer vacations, according to the grant.

Al Sharhan briefed the Amir on plans and programmes of the club.

Bahrain PM receives Sheikh Saad's letter

MANAMA, July 4. (KUNA): Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa today received a letter from Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, the Manama-based Gulf News Agency reported.

The letter, handed over to the Bahraini Prime Minister by Sheikh Saad's office director Abdul Latif Al Bahar, dealt with fraternal relations between the two countries, according to the agency which gave no further details.

Kuwaiti artists arrive in Rome

ROME, July 4. (KUNA): A team of Kuwaiti artists arrived here today to attend the opening of an exhibition of Kuwaiti painters and artists to begin here on Tuesday.

The team will perform a number of musical episodes that would represent Kuwaiti folk arts during the ceremony.

Editor-in-chief of Al Arabi magazine Dr Muhammad Al Ramihi will also lecture on Kuwait at the Institute of Italian Economic and Cultural Co-operation next Thursday.

A spokesman of Kuwaiti embassy here told KUNA that the week-long exhibition is organised by Q & Company, an affiliate of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation.

Arab Jurists Association supports Kuwaiti stand

CAIRO, July 4. (KUNA): The 13th conference for the executive bureau of the Arab Jurists Association has supported Kuwaiti measures to thwart any subversive and terroristic operations, condemning in this regard the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner Al Jabariya last April.

The bureau, which concluded its meetings here yesterday, also praised Kuwait's responsible stance during the tragedy, represented by refusing blackmail in such inhuman incidents, urging Arab states to endorse an agreement to counter hijacking operations.

In regard of the Iraq-Iran war, the conferees saluted the Iraqi people and government for their recent victories, while urging Iran to comply with peace calls to end the hostilities.

Condemned
Furthermore, they asked the United Nations to clamp sanctions against the Iranian regime for its expansionist inclinations, while calling on all Arab states to stand alongside Iraq with all possible forms of support.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri cable

HH the Amir yesterday sent a congratulatory cable to President of the United States Ronald Reagan on the occasion of his country's Independence Day.

Crown Prince audiences

HH Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday received Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad and French Ambassador to Kuwait Marcel Laugel on the occasion of end of his tenure here. Sheikh Saad received a number of citizens in the public diwan.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Escalation of uprising

A KUWAITI newspaper yesterday commented that the escalation of the Palestinian uprising inside the occupied lands has increased Israel's concern over realising that they are "before a distinguished work by people who are seeking freedom".

Al Rai Al Aam said that the Israeli authority's green light to the Zionist settlers to fire at the Palestinians reflects "the panic which is prevailing among the Israeli military and political circles".

"The Palestinians do not fear anything anymore and they are ready to make more sacrifices in confronting the Israeli violence", the paper pointed out.

The daily also said the "Intifadah has gained international sympathy with the Palestinian cause," noting that "it is difficult for Israel" to restore the situation in the occupied lands to normalcy.

He-goat gives milk

By Hashim Ahmad Essa

A CITIZEN in Failaka Island Fadhil Al Failkawi claimed he was surprised to discover that his he-goat had two udders.

Noticing that small sheep tried to suck milk from the goat, he tried to milk the goat and to his amazement, the goat did give milk.

Failkawi said this is the third case of its kind. The first was reported from Syria where the owner used the milk in treating

some patients and the second was reported in Sabahiya area of Kuwait a few months ago.

He disclosed that his goat is from Holland and the milk is slightly salty. He would try to show his goat at the festival in Failaka Island on July 21, to be organised by the Tourist Enterprises Company.

Concluding, he said he was prepared to give the milk of the goat to patients should a medical committee prove the milk to be efficacious.



Milking the goat

Kuwait-Egypt committee

CAIRO, July 4. (KUNA): Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki announced today the existence of a Kuwaiti-Egyptian committee that discusses basics of joint co-operation in anticipation of the establishment of a higher committee to boost bilateral relations.

Speaking to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), he said that Egypt is looking forward to the visit of the Saudi monarch King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz to Cairo by end of July, explaining that it will lead to establishment of a higher Saudi-Egyptian committee.

Concerning his visit to Iraq Tuesday, Sedki said that he will head his country's delegation to meetings of the Iraqi-Egyptian co-operation committee.

Sedki added that he will have three working sessions with Iraqi First Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan.

Sedki hoped that the sessions would help in boosting bilateral economic relations.

The premier said he will deliver a message from President Hosni Mubarak to his counterpart Saddam Hussein.



Yesterday's sand-storm created poor visibility and posed hazards to drivers of vehicles.

Sand-storms lash Kuwait

SAND-STORMS lashed Kuwait yesterday reducing visibility at times to less than 100 metres at the airport and 50 metres in open places respectively.

A source at the Meteorological Department said that the maximum speed of winds was 29 miles per hour at the airport, 30 mph in Ahmadi and most areas of Kuwait and 35 mph in the south of the country.

The storms were due to the activity of winds of the North-Western Asian low pressure and to the winds that attack the Iraqi desert thereby bringing sand and dust to Kuwait.

The same source said that sand storms will continue through Tuesday, but with abated intensity of dust.

Waldheim to visit Kuwait next fall

VIENNA, July 4. (KUNA): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim announced today that he has decided to visit Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates next autumn.

At a press conference, Waldheim said his rescheduled trip would be devoted to strengthening economic ties between the two Gulf countries.

The trip to Kuwait and the UAE was earlier scheduled for June, but Waldheim was asked to delay his trip because it coincided with the convening of the Arab extraordinary summit in Algiers.

Waldheim paid a visit to Saudi Arabia a few days before the Arab summit was held on June 7.

Investigations completed

THE Public Prosecutor's Office has completed investigations on a defendant accused of killing a woman and her child in Al Sabahiya area and setting fire to her residence.

Primary investigations indicated that the accused was a Jordanian national and a relative of the victim. He attempted to rape her and when she defended herself, it is alleged he killed her and her child.

The accused is to appear before the Criminal Court on July 7.

Pressure on Abdalli border post

ABDALLI border post, one of Kuwait's important point of entry and exit encounters pressure on its customs personnel due to the heavy influx and exodus of trucks of different countries.

A local newspaper visited the post to interview a number of official and travellers.

Travellers complained of

15 years for kidnapping woman

THE criminal court has sentenced two men to 15 years imprisonment for kidnapping a woman with the intention of sexually assaulting her.

The court was told that the two men chased the victim as she drove to Fahahel market and waited for her to return to her car after she had finished her shopping. The woman twice refused to take the telephone number one of the men offered her and put a note they had left on the windshield of her car into her pocket. As she got into her car, they grabbed her, bundled her into their car and drove off to an isolated desert road in Sabahiya where rape was attempted.

The woman resisted the assault and managed to get away when the men started to quarrel with each other.

Police were able to track down the men through the telephone number on the paper the woman had put into her pocket.

Postponed
Meanwhile, the trial of Farrag N. infamously known as "A Firdous Rambo" was postponed by Kuwait's Criminal Court to July 31.

The defendant faces six charges including the premeditated killing of a man and possession of an unlicensed gun. The accused attempted to kill one of the security men at the Ministry of Communication headquarters and then escaped to his residence situated at Al Firdous area where he held his family members as hostages for three days.

The court was presided over by the judge Ahmed Al Ghazali and judges Mohammed Al Zugbi and Ali Al Sabai in the presence of the representative of the Public Prosecutor's Office Abdul Hakem Al Fazea.

delays in completion of paper work and problems resulting in the similarity of names which are listed of people banned from leaving Kuwait. They called for more employees to be stationed at this border. They also complained of unfairness in treating travellers with preferential treatment being meted out to some and utter disregard for others.

The head of Abdalli customs, Sultan Al Failkawi said that narcotics are among the most common items smuggled into the country. He urged travellers entering Kuwait not to bring any items of food with them to avoid any embarrassment.

The head of inspection, Abdullah Al Osaimi said more than 150 trucks are inspected daily at Al Abdalli border post. He disclosed that the number of attempts at smuggling had decreased this year as compared to last year and added that most smugglers were of Turkish origin. He commented that the inspectors complained of not having proper shelters to protect them from the ravages of the weather.

Commercial committee to meet

THE Commercial Co-operation Committee for GCC States' 11th meeting will convene on July 12 at the GCC Secretariat in Riyadh. A preparatory meeting will be held on July 11.

Discussions will emphasise on practices of commercial agencies and permitting GCC residents to own shares. A number of commercial issues, including, customs duty on GCC states products will also be discussed.

Magnetic storm

THE director-general of the UAE communications establishment Mohammed Emran announced yesterday that the UAE will be subjected to what he termed "a magnetic storm".

He added, the storm would affect telephone and other telecommunications between UAE and the rest of the world. However, he commented that the duration of the storm would be approximately 15 minutes and would affect various areas in varying degrees.

Building materials prices increase

LOCAL construction dealers are complaining about the rise of building materials prices.

A local daily who interviewed the dealers reported that they unanimously stressed that the price increase was despite the fact that the Credit and Savings Banks had in no way increased the amount of loans granted to dealers of these commodities.

They said the primary reason for the rise of construction materials was the corresponding rise in the price of raw materials of the exporting countries. The Iran-Iraq war also contributed to the rise in prices.

They also attributed the rise due to the increased public demand for construction materials following the distribution of housing plots by the National Housing Authority.

The director general of Al Jassar Timber Company attributed the rise in timber prices to the

raging war in the Gulf and the resulting threats to commercial tankers. Certain types of quality wood fetched higher prices as suppliers at the request of their governments had discontinued shipping goods due to transportation threats by sea caused by the Iraq-Iran war.

The sales manager at a local aluminium factory concurred that aluminium prices had risen. He added that the company concluded its purchases and supply of aluminium to the local market with the help of the Kuwait Finance House Profiting Services, which made public sales of aluminium a lot easier for buyers.

A local construction company manager said the rise in the exchange rate of the exporting countries and the high amounts of insurance on sea transport of steel to the Gulf contributed to the rise.

People without nationality offered help to legalise status

AUTHORITATIVE sources indicated that every assistance is being provided to legalise the status of those people who are claiming to be without nationality.

A senior government official yesterday announced that the government will provide all the necessary facilities and guidance to those who produce their original passports and who have been living in Kuwait and claiming to be without nationality.

He disclosed that such people who reveal their real identity will be allowed to stay in Kuwait like other expatriates. Additionally, voluntary disclosure of origin would not preclude them from applying for Kuwaiti nationality.

201 farms in Abdalli area

THE chairman of Abdalli Agricultural Society Sheikh Muharak Sabah Al Nasser speaking to a local daily commented that there were 201 farms in the Abdalli area.

He said, the society was playing an effective role towards developing the Kuwaiti agricultural services and acted as a go-between farmers and the country's officials.

Al Nasser disclosed that the society provided the farmers with quality seeds at reasonable prices in addition to manure and heavy and light agricultural equipment.

Concluding, he praised the co-operation between the society and the agricultural authorities in the country.

King Hussein to launch Gulf tour

JORDANIAN monarch King Hussein will launch a tour in the Gulf region soon, press reports said yesterday.

A Kuwaiti newspaper said King Hussein will hold discussions with leaders of the region on latest political developments in the Arab world topped by the US-Mideast peace initiative and Iraq-Iran war.

Abu Dhabi-based Al Itihad newspaper reported the same tour and added that it will be carried out after the expected meeting between King Hussein and PLO leader Yasser Arafat where they will be discussing bilateral relations following the Algiers emergency Arab summit June 7-9.

The paper added that the tour will initiate an active Jordanian move in the Arab and international arenas before the coming American and Israeli elections.

Among King Hussein's entourage in the tour will be Prime Minister Zeid Al Refai.

EVENTS

Walking for peace

By Fathima Ahmed

IN 1965 he was caught in a blizzard on the Alps. Nearly 22 years later, he was stunned by a dust-storm blowing in the desert, somewhere between the UAE and Saudi Arabia.

None of the incidents could discourage Major Mohammad Abbas Ali.

In 1967, the retired Pakistan Army major became the first Muslim in modern times to "walk to Makkah" to perform haj covering 2,200 kms in 78 days.

So far, he has walked over 5,500 kms — walking for peace — in his native Pakistan.

At 67, Major Abbas currently in Kuwait on a private visit, is fit as a fiddle and on the go. Signs of fatigue are not evident on his calm face as he recalls his "spirit of adventure and the quest for peace" or talks about the first time he set his heart on walking to Makkah.

He got the idea in 1986. "Why not walk on the route taken by earlier Muslims and perform the haj like the Prophet (PBUH) did?" Major Abbas asked himself. Gradually, the idea took shape — and he started walking, on a smaller scale "to practise" in

Last year Major Abbas made headlines by becoming the first man in modern times to go for haj on foot — the adventure goes on....

Abu Dhabi, where he was visiting a relative.

To build his walking skills he planned his first walk, sponsored by UNICEF. Walking for a children's charity from Abu Dhabi to Dubai, he covered a distance of 191 kms in three days. Thus, began Abbas' marathon walk, first "to reintroduce the religious zeal of Muslims to the younger generation" and then for peace.

Zeal
"I was driven by a zeal, perhaps difficult to understand, to perform the haj, I wanted to tell the younger generation about the hardships experienced by the earlier Muslims. I wanted to recreate that aura," he explained.

No one understood his zeal, least of all the men and women he met on the way to Makkah. "Why are you walking to

Makkah? Don't you have the money? Are you poor," they often asked, whenever they saw a lone Pakistani trekking along a desert road from the UAE to Makkah in 1987.

He showed them travellers cheques. They did not believe him and gave him money. By the time he reached Makkah he collected about 15,000 riyals, which he later gave to a charity in his native Pakistan.

It was an arduous journey — but one which the major willingly took — despite the snakes and scorpions lurking in the desert.

He spent most nights in the open desert, mainly due to the distance between one populated area and another. The fear of a snake slithering nearby never left him.

"The snakes came for the food. I parked my trolley a distance away from where I put my sleeping bag," he said.

Occasionally he was surrounded by a herd of camels. One night, he was nearly crushed by camels.

"A bedouin woke me up in the middle of the night after he saw a group of camels surrounding me; dragged me out of bed, took my belongings and took me to the safety of his tent.



Pushing the trolley on his way to Makkah.

Later, he told me, the camels would have crushed me," he said.

Then, there were the wild dogs which came in droves, only at night. The worst was the weather — hot, humid and clammy. Yet, he kept going.

"Many epic voyages were being retraced in Europe and America. I wanted to revive the practice of going by foot to Makkah; this kept me going."

That year, he made headlines throughout the world — from Tokyo to the Middle East — all newspapers reported his historic trip to Makkah. None, though, mentioned his visit to Madina. He walked a total of 2,460 kms to reach Madina in 90 days.

The major's walk did not end in Madina. It continues — for Sport Aid, children's charities and for other causes, but most of all for peace in Pakistan.

Abandon

The riots, the killings and disturbances in Karachi prompted him to "walk for peace", sponsored by the Mohibbeen group, covering areas like Nazimabad, Karimabad and Sohrab and others, affected by the riots. But just after five days, he had to abandon his walk because he fell ill.

"I have not abandoned the idea," he says. "I will continue the peace walk when the doctor permits to spread the message of love, affection and brotherhood," he says.

"Love, affection and brotherhood" seem high sounding words?

"No, no. We have just forgotten their meaning," he says reassuringly, with a wee bit of

regret in his voice. "The trouble is that we don't practise Islam anymore. We concentrate on 'huquq Allah', following the five tenets of Islam; we neglect 'huquq al ibad' — service to humanity," he says.

He says "service to humanity is service to Allah". And as such, he believes he is serving God through his peace walks.

"The Quran says a man will be judged by his deeds. Aren't we neglecting them?" he asks. He doesn't, in his own way contributing to the welfare of humanity. Every four months, he donates blood. "Many others come to donate blood when I go to the blood bank," he says.

Moderate

He insists he is not a fanatic. "I believe in moderation, at the same time I believe in service to humanity, which is service to God." He is so sincere that he leaves no room for scepticism.

"I want to tell the young that if there is determination and will power, even an old man like me can walk thousands of kilometres. So, why can't they too work towards peace?"

Major Abbas' world of adventure began in 1965 — when he took his family from Pakistan in a 1921 car to eight countries — Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy and France. The adventure continues. In September this year he hopes to walk for peace in Toronto, Canada. And when he turns 70, he'll attempt a parachute jump. "If I'm alive and healthy, why not?" he asks. Why not, indeed. A man young at heart is always young.



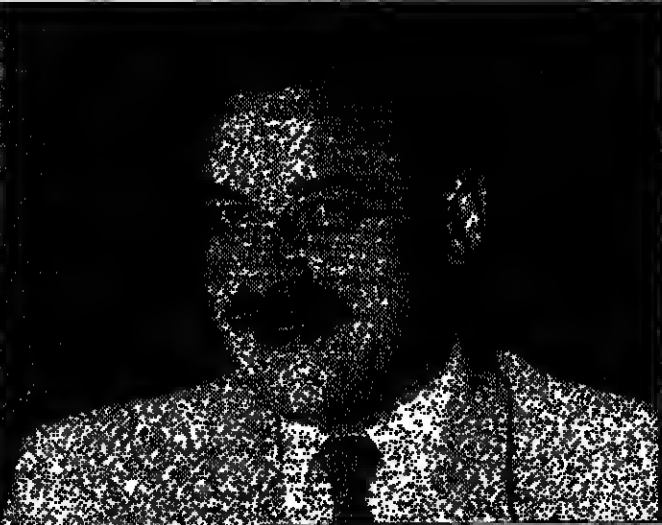
Major Abbas, wearing garlands, talks to people during the Karachi peace walk.

New GM at Sheraton

KUWAIT Sheraton Hotel's new general manager is Holger Wessel, a graduate of Dortmund Hotel School, West Germany.

Wessel, who began his career in 1965 as a trainee chef in his hometown, Hamburg, quickly rose up the corporate ladder, working in the food and

beverage department of many five-star hotels. He joined the Sheraton Corporation in 1978 as food and beverage manager of the Sheraton Skyline Hotel in London. Later, he was promoted as a manager at the Munich Sheraton. In 1986, he became the GM of the Sheraton Heathrow, a post he held until his arrival in Kuwait.



New Sheraton GM Holger Wessel.



British adventurers stop over in Kuwait

Two English adventurers — Michael Burke and Raine Milano (above) pictured with their Vauxhall 24 during their recent stopover in Kuwait. The two British motorists, en route to Sydney, Australia, crossed France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Jordan and are on their way to Bahrain and Saudi Arabia to continue their journey to Australia, which they hope to reach to mark the 200th anniversary celebrations. In Asia, they hope to stop over in India, Malaysia and Singapore, among other countries.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Rahlat Haul Al Alam: cartoons
- 10.15 Thamar Al Shok: Arabic serial, starring Tawfiq Abdul Munim Madhouli, Rashwan Tawfiq, Fatima Tabac, Ahlam Qasbi
- 11.00 News/Good Morning
- 11.15 Ghaddan Tabda Al Hayat: Arabic serial, featuring Hayat Al Fahd, Ghanem Al Saleh, Suad Abdullah
- 12.15 Silver Sponns
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 1.50 Songs
- 2.30 Wamarat Al Ayyam: Arabic serial, featuring Juliette Awad, Ruhi Al Safdi, Susan Saleh, Iman Karmel
- 3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
- 4.00 World News via Satellite
- 4.20 Al Rajul Ili Bala' Al Tarboush: Arabic play, Starring: Shirin, Mahmoud Al Jundi, Nahid Samir
- 6.00 Cartoons
- 7.00 Summer 1988
- 7.15 World About Us
- 8.00 Wa Qalat Al Arab: "And the Arab Said," Daily Arabic serial
- 8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Naar wa Duqqan: Arabic serial, featuring Sherihan, Mustafa Fahmi, Ahmad Badr
- 10.50 Film Min Kitab: presented by Durriya Sharf Al



Tom Selleck plays Magnum, tonight on KTV2.

Din, Suhail Uyas.
12.35 News Summary/World News via Satellite/Holy Quran /Closedown.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Rubik: start of new cartoon series
- 6.30 Chocky: a 12-year-old child shows supernatural powers, amazing his parents
- 7.00 The Australian Ark: "A Land of Birds," A look at bird life in Australia
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 You and the Law: local programme
- 8.50 Magnum: "Missing Melody," The cool, handsome private eye, Magnum, is back to solve the case of a missing girl. Starring: Tom Selleck
- 9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series, Edward and Jolly, two school friends, go to Germany to see a hand-gliding event.

10.00 Perfect Strangers: "The Break-in". Comedy with two Greeks settled in the US. Tonight, they plan to break into a newspaper office to get back some documents.

10.30 Black and White Movie Night: "Man in a Cocked Hat." (1959 British). (British title: "Carlton-Browne of the F.O.I. Screwball farce about island of Gallardia, a British protectorate forgotten for 50 years; when rediscovered, bumbling Terr-Thomas of the Foreign Office are left in charge. Starring: Terry-Thomas, Peter Sellers, Luciana Palluzzi, John Le Mesurier. Duration: 88 minutes.

12.08 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

- Tuesday Morning
- 0800 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0805 Thoughts in Islam
- 0830 News
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900 Songs and Music
- 0930 They Sold a Million
- 1000 Our Press Today
- 1005 Songs and Music
- 1100 Closedown
- 1330 News on FM Service

- Evening
- 2100 Opening
- 2102 In the Latin Mood
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2155 Songs and Music
- 2200 On Islam
- 2215 In the Groove
- 2245 Daily Programme
- 2300 Hit Special
- 2330 Jazz in Action
- 2400 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newswel
- 30 Music in Australia (ex 26th Beethoven)
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Short Story
- 45 5th and 12th The Best Day of Your Life: 19th and 26th The Seven Ages of Shakespeare
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Network UK
- 30 Pilgrim's Progress
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newsweek
- 30 A Schubert Anthology
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

- Summary
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsweek
- 30 Counterpoint
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 5th and 12th The Best Day of Your Life: 19th and 26th The Seven Ages of Shakespeare
- 45 Network UK
- ALL TIMES GMT

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1918 Bchtern Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Jahan Numan
- 2100 Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait Istiqlal Pharmacy Safat Square
- Al Mutawa Pharmacy Awqaf Bldg., Hilali St.
- Hawalli and Nagra Al Jodar Pharmacy Tunis St.
- Salmiya and Romaithiya Al Randa Pharmacy Salem Al Mubarak St.
- Fahabheel and Ahmadi Al Imaan Pharmacy Makkah St., F'heel
- Farwaniya Al Yasmin Pharmacy Jara Commercial Centre, No. 1, Main St.
- Jahra Al Khalid Pharmacy Opp. Co-operative Society

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus Desperately Seeking Susan Starring: Madonna
- Al Salmiya The Last Shark Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro
- Al Hamra Killzone Starring: David James
- Drive-In Laila Al Kadd Ala Bakaiza Wa Zaghloul (Arabic) Starring: Subair Babli, Issad Yunus
- Al Firdous Pyar Ka Mandir (Hindi) Starring: Mithun Chakraborty, Madhavi
- Fahabheel Open-Air Johnny Ustad (Hindi)

PRAYERS

- Fajr 3.20 am
- Zuhr 11.53
- Asr 3.27 pm
- Maghreb 6.51
- Isha 8.23

Kuwait takes part in Wildscreen '88

LONDON, (LPS): A total of 210 entries from 27 countries has been submitted to Wildscreen '88, the biennial international wildlife film and television festival to be held in Bristol, southwest England, from October 5 to 11.

A preliminary jury in London will take nine days to see all the entries and select those to go before an international jury during the festival. This year, for the first time, delegates will have the opportunity to view all the entries in special video kiosks.

Festival director Brian Roberts said he was delighted with this year's response — 26 more entries than in 1986 and five more countries represented: Kuwait, Trinidad, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Poland. "I am particularly pleased with the number of first-time entrants, the number of

programmes aimed at younger people and those dealing with the environment," he explained.

The Kuwait entry, *Revival of the Desert*, is about the dangers facing wildlife in the desert and the need to establish a nature reserve. Trinidad's entry is *Land of the Humming Bird*, while the Soviet Union's *Hooded Crane* concerns a rare species of the bird. Poland has two entries, both about conservation, and the Czechoslovakian entry is *The World of Spider Webs*.

Wildscreen '88, now recognised as the premier international wildlife and television festival, is organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature with assistance from Anglia Television, the BBC, Central Independent Television and the Bristol and West Building Society.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

German Painting Exhibition
A 10-day exhibition of German paintings will be held at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel from July 10. More than 30 paintings, representing the work of a group of German artists known as The Blue Rider, will be shown in the Hilton's lobby. The show has been organised by the German Embassy in Kuwait.

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon

and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

CINEMA

British Council
The Elephant Man, a feature film, will be shown on July 9 and 10, 6.30 pm. Superbly photographed in black and white, it is an unforgettable amalgam of images in the style of 19th century pioneer photography which develops with the story of emotional intensity. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

SOCIAL

Onam Festival
The Viswabhharathi Theatres, Ahbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. LAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakali, folk



● Kuwait Meriden's Al Waha Restaurant is promoting melon delights, until July 15.

dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumpilly — 4810490 ext 207; Verghese Paradayil — 2422973.

Summer Belle 88
The United Goans Centre

will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

D'Assisi Association

The Association will hold a social evening-cum-entertainment evening on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 am, 3717346 pm or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

HOTELS

At the Continental
The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine.

The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Sheraton
Italian hospitality is provided in the Riccardo Restaurant. Dine in the restaurant with music by the Sienna Duo. The Riccardo is also open for lunch during the week.

Al Hamra offers seafood specialties every Wednesday night; live entertainment by the Lords.

At the Hilton
La Palma has introduced a new 10-day lunch and dinner buffet cycle featuring a variety of Arabic and international dishes, soups, mezzehs, salads and desserts to suit all tastes. Open daily from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Meridian
La Brasserie offers breakfast, lunch and dinner daily; a la carte or buffet.

Al Waha features melon promotion, offering watery, juicy and refreshing melon delights, until July 15.

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

IN PEACE, sons bury their fathers; in war, fathers bury their sons — Herodotus, Greek historian (fifth century BC).

OPINION

Time for Iran to return to its senses

UNDOUBTEDLY, we are against the US action in shooting down an Iranian passenger plane. Basically, we have always been against the killing of innocent people.

Although, the US categorically admitted it was a mistake, Iran bears a grave responsibility for the incident as it has contributed to this unfortunate incident by being the main cause in not bringing the Gulf war to an end. The lives of the innocent passengers would not have been lost, neither would the US fleets been actively involved in Gulf waters had Iran thought of stability in this region.

Information provided to us by authoritative sources indicates that Iran is not willing to accept any apologies. It believes that it is always strong and capable of forcibly taking its rights and is now lusting for revenge. This base mentality is amply reflected in the fact that for eight long years, Iran has stubbornly continued to reject all genuine efforts at mediation towards ending the Gulf war. Instead, each time it launched an aggression against Iraq. As each aggressive attempt failed, their feelings of revenge and rage have grown stronger. This is exactly how the Iranians lived in medieval times — over eight centuries ago.

Having given the backdrop to the Iranian thinking, we now ask: after the US action will Iran react similarly in confronting the Americans as it usually does with Iraq? Will it send its Army to the USA as it does with Iraq and the Gulf states? Would Iran face the US fleets in the Gulf waters instead of confronting its Muslim brothers and killing their sons and the sons of its own soil for no valid reasons, except that it failed to achieve victory over Iraq. Defeat has created in the Iranian regime a lust for revenge. However, the US act has made it bury its head in the sand — just like the foolish ostrich.

Iran can, and should really save the bloodshed of Muslims — including the blood of its own people. All that is needed, is to purge themselves of their feelings of hatred and restore good-neighbourly relations. They should, by now, realise that the countries Iran is courting towards supporting their aggression against Iraq will not support their policies.

Although Iran has been experiencing the severe adverse effects of the Gulf war for eight long years, it appears that it is still bent on beaping on itself further destruction before it comes to its senses and realises that this is a mad and futile war and in the case of Iran, the hunter has become the hunted.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Soviet Communist Party conference

Gorbachev got what he wanted

By John-Thor Dahlburg

MOSCOW, (AP): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev came out of the Communist Party's first national conference in nearly a half-century with the political reform he sought but with open hostility toward his campaign for more openness.

And some delegates said they still are awaiting proof his economic reform drive, now well into its third year, will improve Soviet life.

For four days ending Friday, 5,000 delegates met in the party's first conference since Josef Stalin convened the 18th such gathering in 1941. At Gorbachev's urging, they ordered an overhaul of the system Stalin built that vested the nation's power and prestige in the party's bureaucrats.

By charting the path of political reform, Gorbachev said Friday, the Kremlin concave had pointed the way to a new "democratic image of socialism" that would enable his economic and social reforms to proceed.

Resolutions

Resolutions adopted at the conference, on topics ranging from political reform to inter-ethnic relations and the policy of openness referred to by the Russian word "glasnost," were not immediately made public. But a preliminary scorecard can be drawn based on delegates' speeches, reports in the state-run media and officials' comments to reporters.

The winners: Gorbachev himself, who not only got the mandate for political change he had been seeking, but also the frank, often searing debate he espoused, in stark contrast to the polite, well-ordered ceremonial conclaves standardised by past Kremlin rulers.

Among the political reforms approved by the delegates is creation of a new, more powerful presidency with powers to draft legislation and oversee foreign policy and defence — a post apparently tailor-made for Gorbachev.

However, until the fingerprint in the resolutions is made public, it would be premature to call the

conference a triumph for the 57-year-old Communist Party chief.

Yegor K. Ligachev, the No. 2 Kremlin leader often rumoured to be at odds with Gorbachev. Ligachev's extraordinary speech, in which he disclaimed any ideological differences with Gorbachev, was a ringing defence of the party's old guard and a stinging blow to his would-be rival, Boris N. Yeltsin.

The losers: Yeltsin, the erstwhile protégé of Gorbachev and former Moscow party boss. He asked the conference Friday for "political rehabilitation" and instead was attacked by a succession of speakers, including Ligachev and Gorbachev himself.

Segments from Yeltsin's speech and from the frequently acidic attacks against him were shown on national television, apparently to squash any vestiges of popular support for the strapping 57-year-old official.

Attacks

A published text of all his remarks showed he had made attacks on party privilege likely to go down well with Soviet citizens. Yeltsin was stripped of his Moscow party post and a seat on the ruling politburo after complaining Gorbachev's reforms were stymied by entrenched bureaucrats.

Perhaps, President Andrei Gromyko and fellow longtime politburo member Mikhail Solomentsev, both in their 70s. In a rare public attack, one delegate named them and two other senior party figures as holdovers from the "period of stagnation," as the time of Leonid Brezhnev is now known. Yeltsin also attacked Solomentsev by name, accusing him of protecting corrupt party officials.

Ligachev, however, defended his politburo colleagues, saying they helped engineer the election of Gorbachev as party chief in March 1985.

Another conference delegate came to Gromyko's aid, but said the man who had served as Soviet foreign minister for 28 years had "fallen behind the times".

Airliner shooting focuses on Reagan aims in the Gulf

By Robert Trautman

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): The downing of an Iranian airliner with 290 people aboard by an American missile will further call into question Reagan administration aims in the Gulf, diplomatic analysts said on Sunday.

It could also set back any tentative moves towards a US-Iranian reconciliation after the American presidential election in November, said Robin Wright, an analyst at the private Carnegie Institute.

She said martyrdom was very important in the Muslim tradition "and now Iran has 290 new martyrs, courtesy of the United States."

Analysts said the downing of the plane added ammunition to the argument that Washington committed a serious error in becoming involved militarily by escorting civilian tankers through the unstable region.

"We are asking for trouble," said James Donovan, an analyst with the Centre for Defence Information, a private organisation led by retired officers who monitor US military activities.

Donovan said in a telephone interview that he thought the United States would reassess its Gulf policy towards reducing the size of its fleet there.

The Iranian A-300 Airbus was shot down by a radar-guided missile fired, Iran said, by the Vincennes, the most powerful of the US tanker escort vessels on duty in the Gulf.

Defence Department officials at first denied the Iranian charge, saying the Vincennes had hit an Iranian F-14 that was approaching in a hostile manner.

But later Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, later acknowledged the A-300 was downed by a US missile.

He said the Vincennes, which was then engaged in a clash with Iranian gunboats, had mistaken the Airbus for an F-14.

The Aegis surface-to-air missile system aboard the Vincennes can simultaneously track the speed, course and radar signature of more than 200 targets up to 240 miles (385 km) away, and can attack 15 to 20 targets simultaneously, Navy officials said.

Donovan predicted an overall review of US military commitments overseas.

"We've taken on these missions all over the world to deter hostility, so we're stuck with them. But he added: "Our whole national strategy should be reviewed — what is worth risking American lives for?"

Other analysts pointed to the futility of the US effort in the region to shield tanker traffic from Iranian mines and missiles.

Setbacks

The US presence has been plagued by setbacks from May 19, 1987, when the administration agreed to reflag foreign ships, enabling American ships to protect them from attacks in the Iran-Iraq war.

Two days before that, an Iraqi plane fired missiles at the US frigate Stark, killing 37 men. Iraq said it was a mistake, a response the United States accepted.

There have been many other, though minor, incidents in the Gulf as the US continued its escort policy.

In April the US frigate Samuel Roberts hit a mine the United States said was laid by Iran. Ten

sailors were injured.

Responding, US ships and planes hit two Iranian frigates, sank a missile boat and fired at Iranian warplanes.

Following that incident, Wright said: "My great fear is that we may have crossed a threshold."

Crowe told reporters the United States had intelligence information Iran might hit at US targets over the July 4 independence day holiday weekend.

He said ship captains in the Gulf were looking for attacks, and the Airbus — identified only as an incoming craft moving fast and not responding to warnings from the Vincennes — had all the earmarks of an attacking plane.

Crowe said: "The commanding officer has a responsibility to protect his people, his unit."

Pullout

Asked if this incident would trigger a US pullout of the Gulf, Donovan said: "It could be, if we had some heavy losses."

Wright said the Iranians are not going to believe that advanced US war technology could not distinguish between a two-crew F-14 and a wide-body passenger plane.

"Now," Wright said, "Many Iranians, including some critics of Iran's war policy, are going to believe that the United States is genuinely at war with Iran."

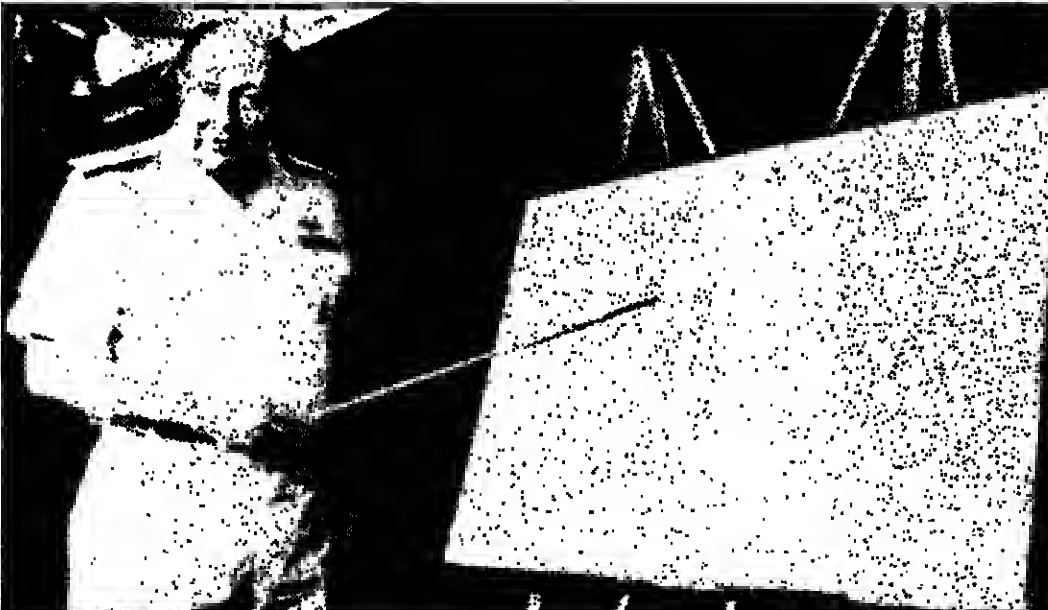
Another Gulf analyst, Shireen Hunter of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, said the incident will make it more difficult to bring moderates to the top of the Iranian government.

"I think it's going to be more and more difficult to have the more reasonable people in Iran prevail. I think there is going to be an anti-American feeling in Iran that will extremely widespread," she said.

Chronology

A chronology of major developments in the Gulf since the Reagan administration's decision to reflag oil tankers in March 1987:

- March 7: President Reagan decides to escort reflagged tankers, with US warships.
- May 17: An Iraqi jet, in what both the United States and Baghdad later said was a case of mistaken identity, hit the frigate USS Stark with an Exocet missile, killing 37 American sailors and wounding dozens more.
- July 18: First escort of reflagged tankers starts in the Gulf, more than two years after the start of the so-called tanker war between Iran and Iraq.
- July 21: UN Security Council unanimously approves resolution 598, calling for a ceasefire in the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war that includes a withdrawal to internationally recognised boundaries and exchange of prisoners.
- July 24: Reflagged tanker Bridgeton strikes a mine off Kuwait coast, a blow to US policy.
- Aug 10: A US-managed supertanker Texaco Caribbean strikes a mine in the Gulf of Oman. The mines are believed to have been planted by Iran to thwart the US naval escort operation.
- Aug 16: Amphibious assault ship USS Guadalcanal arrives in central Gulf with eight Sea Stallion mine-sweeping helicopters, boosting US naval presence.
- Aug 19: Iran carries its speedboat attacks on third party shipping outside the Arabian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman, firing rocket-propelled grenades at a chemical tanker, causing minor damage but no injuries.
- Aug 21: Speaker of Iran's Parliament, Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, tells the Iranian people to prepare for war with the United States.
- Sept 11: UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrives in Tehran seeking implementation of Security Council resolution 598. The mission ends four days later in failure, with bitter recriminations on both sides over who started the conflict.
- Sept. 14: Belgium announces it is sending mine sweepers to the Gulf, joining Britain, France, the Netherlands and Italy in ensuring a European naval presence to keep the waterway open to traffic.
- Sept 21: US Army helicopters fire on an Iranian vessel, the Iran Ajr, caught laying mines in the central Gulf in an area frequented by US warships. Three Iranians are killed and 29 others captured in the first successful incident involving US fire against the Iranians. The ship is later destroyed and the 29 survivors repatriated. Iran vows retaliation.
- Oct 3: Pack of 70 Iranian speedboats race toward a Saudi Arabian offshore oil platform but turn back under wings of Saudi jet fighters and the approach of US warships.
- Oct 8: Speedboats fire on US helicopter in north-central Gulf for the first time, prompting Army helicopters to swoop in



Adm. William Crowe, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, points out on a chart where US forces shot down an Iran Air jetliner. (Reuters wirephoto)

Comparison with Korean Air incident

By Rodney Pinder

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): The United States recoiled in horror and disgust in 1983 when the Soviet Union shot down a civilian airliner, expressing scornful scepticism that such an action by a superpower equipped with the latest and best in military technology could possibly be an accident.

Five years later the Reagan administration is defending its own forces for shooting down an airliner on Sunday, saying an Iran Air Airbus A-300 was the accidental victim of "a proper defensive action."

US explanations for the latest tragedy — in which 290 people were believed killed in history's worst recorded destruction of a civilian aircraft by military forces — carry an echo of the words from Moscow in early September 1983.

That incident soured superpower relations for years.

Sensitive

Korean Airlines Flight 007 from New York to Seoul was shot down by a Soviet fighter on Sept 1 after flying over strategically sensitive Soviet territory. All 269 passengers and crew, including a US congressman, were killed.

The Soviet Union first said the aircraft, some 300 miles (480 km)

off course, had violated its airspace and resisted efforts by Soviet planes to guide it. The official Soviet news agency Tass said the intruder "did not react to signals and warnings... and continued its flight..."

On Sunday, US spokesmen said the Iranian airliner downed in the Gulf was flying outside a prescribed commercial air corridor and failed to respond or change course when warned by US forces.

Mistake

The Soviet Union said the Korean airliner had been mistaken for a US RC-135 spy plane, and the United States later admitted that one of its RC-135s had been in the vicinity of the airliner when it overflew the Kamchatka peninsula, site of a Soviet missile testing area.

On Sunday, the United States said the USS Vincennes, which shot down the Iranian airliner, had confused it with an Iranian F-14 jet fighter.

In 1983, President Reagan said there was no way anyone could be mistaken by the distinctive profile of a Boeing 747 jumbo jet.

Some military experts on Sunday were puzzled over how the super-sensitive radars aboard the Vincennes, said to be the best in existence, could confuse a small fighter with a wide-bodied airliner almost as huge as a

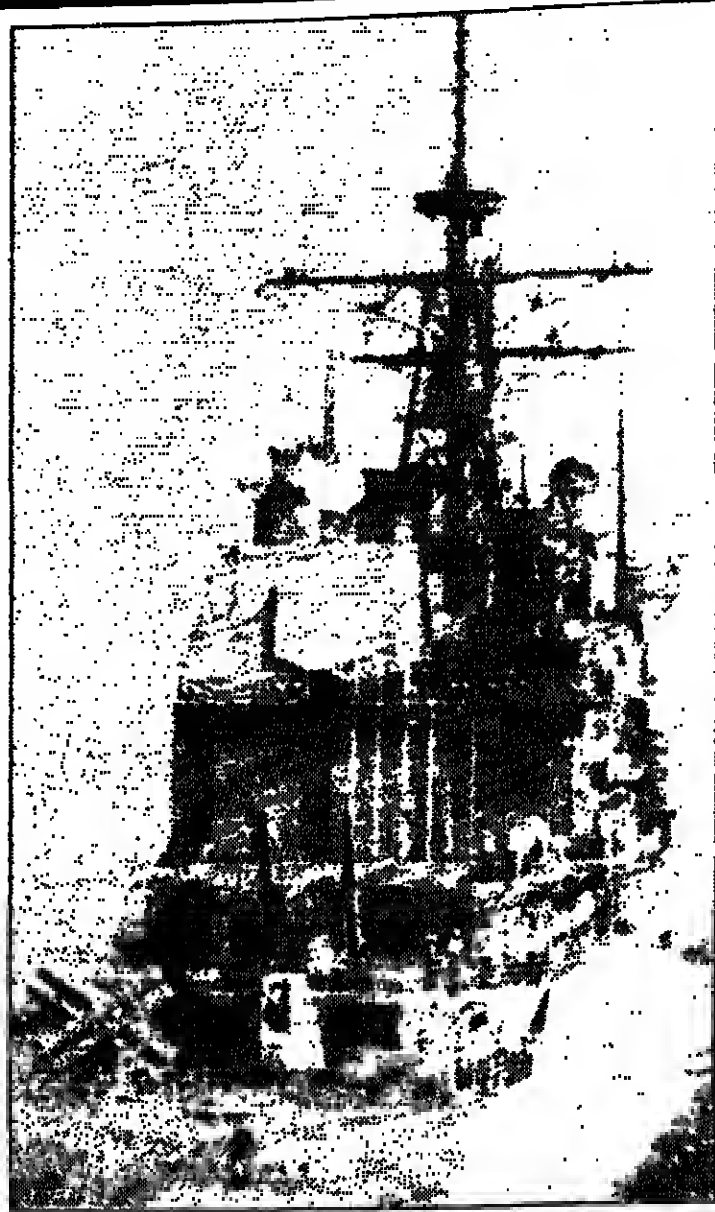
jumbo jet.

The Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral William Crowe, said on Sunday there were "very fundamental differences" between the incidents.

He said the Korean plane was not flying in a war zone, was flying at a very high altitude, had not been warned before being shot at, and had been suspected of being on a spy mission.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1556 — France's King Henry II renews war against Hapsburgs in Italy.
- 1596 — Expedition under Lord Howard of Effingham and Earl of Essex sacks Cadiz and ravages Spanish coast.
- 1796 — British force captures island of Elba.
- 1811 — Venezuela becomes first South American country to declare its independence from Spain.
- 1812 — Britain makes peace with Russia and Sweden.
- 1830 — French launch invasion of Algeria and take Algiers.
- 1940 — Vichy government in France breaks off relations with Britain in World War II.
- 1943 — German offensive on Soviet front begins with battle of Kursk in World War II.
- 1959 — President Sukarno dissolves Indonesia's constituent assembly.
- 1960 — Congolese National Army mutinies.
- 1969 — Tom Mboya, Kenya's economic planning commissioner and likely successor to President Jomo Kenyatta, is assassinated in Nairobi.
- 1973 — Government of small Central African nation of Rwanda is overthrown in military coup.
- 1975 — Cape Verde Islands become independent after 500 years of Portuguese rule.
- 1977 — Pakistan Army seizes power in bloodless coup that ousts Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.
- 1987 — Six people are killed and at least 50 injured by three explosions at railway and bus stations in Lahore, Pakistan.



The US guided-missile cruiser Vincennes which on Sunday shot down the Iranian Airbus, steams through the Strait of Hormuz. (Reuters wirephoto)

Something clearly was amiss

What went wrong?

NEW YORK, (Reuters): American aviation experts are trying to answer this question: just how could the most sophisticated US warship in the Gulf mistake a big, slow Iranian airliner for a small, fast fighter, then shoot it down?

Experts consulted by the New York Times said something clearly was amiss with the precautions aimed at preventing just such an incident.

Some suggest the fault may have been with the crew of the Iran Air A-300 Airbus that was destroyed by two missiles fired from the USS cruiser Vincennes, killing 290 aboard.

"It really sounds like there was some problem on that airliner," said Lee Kreindler, a New York lawyer who has represented clients in many air disasters, including the downing of the Korean Air Lines jet by the Soviet Union in 1983.

"It appears the crew was not on top of it, and you wonder why. They knew, or should have known, they were over a forbidden area," Kreindler said.

Course

The United States says the aircraft was outside the normal commercial airliner corridor but Iran denies this.

Admiral William Crowe, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters on Sunday the Vincennes received "electronic indications" that led it to believe that the aircraft was an F-14 fighter, a supersonic twin-jet swing-wing fighter capable of carrying anti-ship missiles.

The Vincennes, three years old tomorrow and one of the Navy's most sophisticated warships, must be well-used to detecting F-14s since it is the principal air superiority fighter carried aboard American aircraft carriers. It is capable of speeds in excess of 1,500 mph (2,450 kph).

The New York Times said one of the aviation experts it consulted suggested the Iranian aircrew might have turned off a critical on-board device called a transponder used to identify an aircraft in a system called identification, friend or foe (IFF).

Universal

The transponder picks up searching signals sent out by radar and sends back an amplified signal that not only enhances the size and the brightness of the blip on the radar screen, but also provides information about the plane, its identity, type, speed and altitude.

"There's no way the radar could have mistaken an Airbus for an F-14 — the blip on the radar for an A-300 would be a lot larger than an F-14 blip," the expert said.

He said the jet was four to five miles outside the designated flight corridor between Bandar Abbas in Iran, where it took off, and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, where it was heading.

The New York Times quoted government officials as saying the Iranian pilot had filed a flight plan for a straight hop between the two points, which would have put his aircraft miles to the east of the area where it was shot down.

"This guy filed a flight plan," the newspaper quoted one aviation expert as saying. "Why was he off course?"

Undated file picture of an Iranian A-300 Airbus similar to the one shot down by US forces in the Gulf. (Reuters wirephoto)

By Terry Coleman

THIS is the story of the island of Sha-mien in the Pearl River at Canton; of the People's policy of only one child per family; of cat soup and dried rats and the viscera of snakes; and of the trip back to Hong Kong on the No. 97 Through Train.

Canton was a great city a thousand years before Hong Kong was anything more than a fishing village. Its real name has always been Gwangzhou, but when the barbarian Portuguese discovered it in 1517 they mistakenly called it after the whole province of Kwangtung. It was as though the Chinese discovered Bristol and called it Wes-quntry. But the name of Canton stuck, and I shall call the city that.

Excitable

It is sub-tropical, on the same latitude as Calcutta. Its inhabitants are excitable, roughly what southern Italians are to Europe as a whole, so it is typical. But it is there that Sun Yatsen rose and destroyed the last Chinese empire, there in 1924-7 that Mao trained revolutionary cadres, and there in 1949 that the Communist armies demonstrated that they had taken all China.

I wanted to see Sha-mien island but none of the three Chinese guides I asked ever heard of it. But I knew the name of a new hotel that had been built on the island, so I broke away from Canton zoo, where the People's Panda was resisting all efforts to entice it out of its cage to eat bamboo shoots, and set off in a taxi across a teeming city the size of Chicago. Bigger than Chicago, since the average of the estimates of population that I was given was five million, of whom four million were said to ride bicycles. So they do. It is a city of no private cars, only private bicycles. It is a city not only of shanties but of immense fly-overs, and it is living proof that private cars are not the principal cause of traffic jams. Canton's taxis and bikes produce a chaos worse than London's.

But to Sha-mien. After the opium war, in 1859, the Europeans at last extorted from the Chinese a place to stay in Canton. They no longer had to live 90 miles down the Pearl River in Macao. The English and French took a sandbank in the river, reclaimed it, surrounded it with stone walls and on its 44 acres built their consulates and a yacht club and the Victoria Hotel. They built two narrow bridges to the mainland, which were closed at 10 at night, and there they were safe.

It is a lovely site, on a great bend, which dominates the main passage down to Macao. In spite of the Japanese devastation from 1937 on, Victorian Sha-mien is still there. The embassies are peeling tenements with washing lines on the verandahs and cocks fighting in the courtyards. I wandered along the boulevards under the banyan trees. The Catholic church is a printing factory and the Anglican church a grubby office block. I could not find the Victoria Hotel. I could not miss the new White Swan, which is a glorious hotel of audacious architecture, 22 storeys and 1,000 rooms. It has a waterfall, bridges, trees in the atrium and Moot at Chandon, if you want it, in the five restaurants.

Vanished

Sha-mien is still a beautiful place, something which it will be thought unethical to call another bit of vanished civilisation. The island went back to the Chinese in 1946. Hong Kong goes back in 1997 and Macao in 1999. The Portuguese are widely thought to have negotiated better terms.

Getting to Canton is not difficult, though the Chinese do their best to make it seem so. In Loodoo, the China Travel



Passing storms... after all the upheavals of history, the markets of Canton still offer a taste of old China.

Mercedes and handcars

Service (CTS) swears you need a visa and will procure one for you for a fee of £30. In Hong Kong, even the South China Morning Post, which is a good newspaper, carries information that you need to get a visa and also declare that you haven't got AIDS. The CTS in Hong Kong gives out two forms requiring you to state practically every possession that you intend to take in, and issues a warning that owners of diplomatic passports who go in with CTS will forfeit their diplomatic immunity. The best thing by far is to go to your hotel head porter before 2 pm on the day before you want to go in and he will fix it, for a tip. What better example of the virtues of capitalism?

So, the next morning at crack of dawn, with no questions asked, not even about AIDS, and the only declaration required of me being that I had a watch but no camera, I went in a party of five up the Pearl River, by hydrofoil, and entered China at Shekou.

There we met our guide. He was a young Chinese who, no doubt proud of his country and under instructions to tell us what he did all day fed us information that damned the People's Republic for a tyranny.

Paradise

He showed us an open market — that is, one not run by the State. "Here you can fight for your price," he said, "and the security police do nothing." Ah, a good to know. He showed us a kindergarten, three bicycle shops and blocks of flats that all looked as though they were made in Yugoslavia. "This is the best place. Communist aristocracy here. Most beautiful."

Two dismayed Americans in the small group said nothing. A third said: "You've never seen Florida."

The guide volunteered the information that you couldn't choose which floor of a building you lived on: in paradise this was determined for you. He then went through his patter about the one-child family. One child good, two children no good, three children very bad. If you had a second child, one third of your salary was taken. If you had a third child, two thirds. The average income in Shekou, which was privileged because it was an enterprise zone, was 500 Hong Kong dollars a month; elsewhere it was about 100 (HK\$500 is about £35.70). A doctor was paid the same as anyone else. So were lawyers, because they all worked for the government. The rich were the taxi drivers and farmers.

Anyway, as to the one-child policy, you were all right if you had twins the first time: so men did tend to look for wives with a family history of twins.

But surely, he was asked, the family was important to the Chinese? Didn't people, particularly old people, miss children and grandchildren? Now is quiet," he said. "Used to be noisy." "Great," said a

Our bus narrowly missed a truck. "Don't worry," said the guide. "Driver is four-star driver. Five-star driver killed last week." On the three-hour journey to Canton we were twice waved down by police for speeding. Each time they saw the passengers were foreign, and deferred to the guide's rank and waved us on. I thought it a rotten privilege.

Once we had left the Yugoslavia of the Shekou enterprise zone we were into a medieval landscape. Women dragged carts. The only visible implement of agriculture was the hoe. At one point, a gang was mending the awful road with hoes; at another, a gang trying to fell a tree was going at it by undermining the roots, with hoes. I saw only two tractors all day but hundreds of water buffaloes. The guide said these animals were worked for 25 years, then killed for food. Perhaps he should taste water buffalo for lunch. We did.

Executed

The guide then extolled the benefits of the death sentence. Robbers were executed. So were homosexuals. You were shot, with two bullets. The condemned man had to pay for the bullets to shoot him. If he couldn't pay, his family did. He wasn't shot till the bullets were paid for.

So what was the inducement to pay? "Prison in China is bad. Your prison like our second-class hotel."

Now I do not want that guide to have to pay for his own two bullets, so I have deliberately changed places and circumstances so that he won't be identifiable, but what I report him as saying he said.

We passed through rice fields and banana plantations. Then there was a local sight. "Here," said the guide, "is a cow gas station."

And another market. Cats dozed in a cage, waiting to be made into soup. Heaps of snake guts were laid out on the floor for sale. Dried rats were displayed in rows. Evidently East is East and West is West, but then what is the difference between cat and snake?

In a village an old woman, whose late husband had worked abroad and sent back money, showed us her house. She had a sewing machine, circa 1920, and a pair of Chinese chairs of a type now occasionally reproduced but not made in China for about 60 years after 1912, when all taste collapsed with the Maochu dynasty. These were old and were made of a hardwood called huaili. South China used to be famous for its furniture, which was of a lovely simplicity. The great English cabinet makers were much influenced. It is extraordinary to see in a Chippendale chair of the 18th century features already apparent in a Chinese chair of the 15th. Anyway, so celebrated was the furniture of south China that the rich of Peking would send to Canton for their chairs, as they sent there for lychees for their mis-

tresses. When we found the pair of chairs the guide had no idea what the wood was. It is as recognisable as oak would be to an Englishman, but a much finer wood. But he had no idea. He had no idea. He had no more heard of that than he had, later, of Sha-mien. History has vanished.

Strange

At Canton zoo, we were warned that the Chinese would stare at us, because we were foreign and strange, and might want to touch us. It may be, though oobody touched me. Nor, except for that paoda, was he going to show us much of the city, certainly not the shanties which line the river. What we were proudly shown was the fleet of brown Mercedes used by the China Hotel to fetch its guests. This is a hotel said to be better than the White Swan and therefore good by any standards.

There remained the return trip to Hong Kong on No 87 Through Train, which was to take three hours to do the 80 miles. At the station lots of soldiers, none of them wearing a uniform that fitted, hung around looking at us. The soldier immigration control earnestly examined the list of five foreigners exhibited to him and compared this list with our passports, without, it seemed to me, showing much comprehension of the English characters in those police, seemed to be simply deferring to the authority of the guide.

The Americans wanted their passports stamped as souvenirs. This was explained. The soldier demonstrated that he did not have such a thing as a stamp. "Sign it," then "implore an American woman. If the People's Republic wants to do one thing to improve its relationship with the American people, it should buy a few dozen rubber stamps, as large as possible, each bearing the image of a Chinese lion or similar heraldic beast, and as many Chinese characters as can be squeezed in, saying anything. Then just stamp every passport in sight."

As we entered the train a grim woman barred the way and demanded: "Passport." She seemed to be working for the railway but was more diligent, or more officious, than the soldiers. On board, the lavatories were tied closed and more officious women said they would stay that way for half an hour, for cleaning. When they were opened, they were filthy beyond the dreams of even British Rail. The floors were awash. Grubby mops were propped up to a corner.

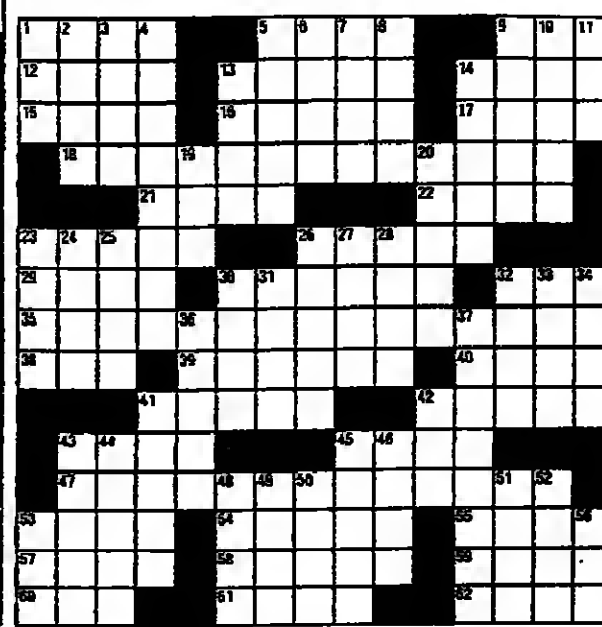
Sodden

Dinner was awful, again beyond the wildest hopes of British Rail. This isn't a matter of Western taste. Chinese restaurants round the world serve Cantonese food, so it's familiar. This was tasteless, tepid and sodden. Even the tea was disgustingly strog. I asked for a beer and the waitress dumped a can of the table in front of me. I asked for a glass, indicating one which someone else had somehow got hold of. Nothing doing. So I got up and went to a glass case in which I could see piles of plastic cups. The guardian of this case looked at me as if I were mad and then, when I persisted, showed that the glass case was padlocked. That was conclusive.

It was the sort of food and the sort of service that would put a Chinese takeaway on the Wandsworth Road out of business in a week. In the dining car, another soldier hung round. I was told he was there to enforce a prohibition which was announced on banners suspended from the ceiling. They said that no fireworks were to be let off in the train.

Mercedes and Moot on the one hand, hoes and women pulling carts on the other. There may now be no reek of opium beside the canals which flow into the Pearl River, but how otherwise are these people better off than they would have been had the Manchu dynasty ever been overthrown?

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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 - Kind of fly
 - King of the Huns
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 - Sea birds
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 - Diva's forte
 - Brazilian dance
 - Lighting fixture
- DOWN**
- Much-used article
 - Wander
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 - Window in a liner stateroom
 - Cut
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 - Scoria
 - Laka, source of the Blue Nile
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 - Superlative endings
 - Byron poem
 - Prayer ending
 - Story
 - Boy detective of fiction
 - Tree of the olive family
 - Soda

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠KQ983 ♥85 ♦A73 ♣K102
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass ?
 What do you bid now?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠KQ983 ♥85 ♦A73 ♣K102
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass ?
 What action do you take?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠KQ983 ♥85 ♦A73 ♣K102
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
 4 ♥ Pass ?
 What do you bid now?

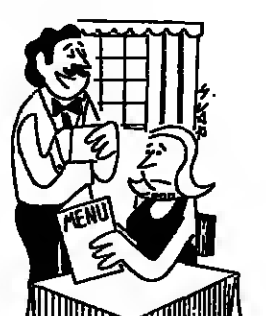
Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠A1073 ♥K6 ♦K8 ♣AQ943
 The bidding has proceeded:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass
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 What do you bid now?

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠KQ983 ♥83 ♦A75 ♣K102
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass
 5 NT Pass ?
 What do you bid now?

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠KQ983 ♥K3 ♦KQ6 ♣K102
 The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass
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 What do you bid now?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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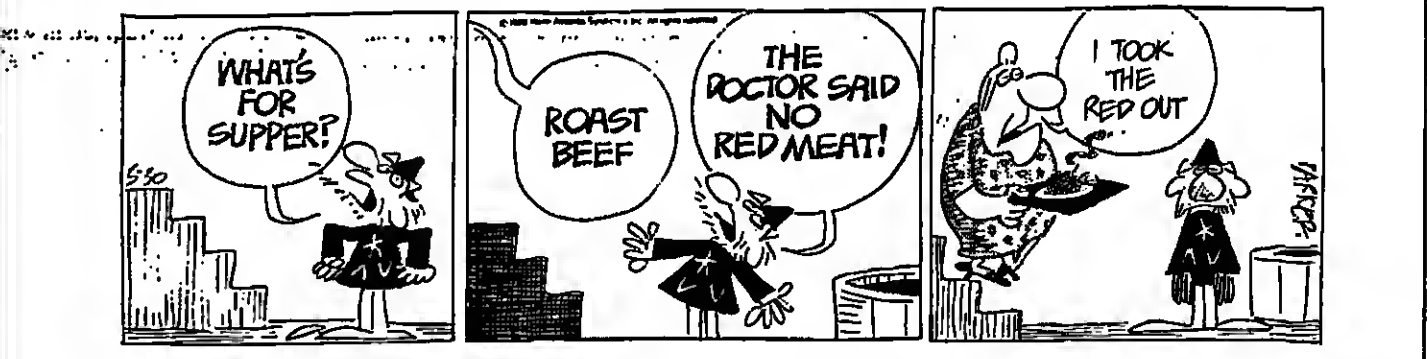
"Edwina and Anna? —That's plain curry with rice!"



"He cut himself shaving, so I applied a tourniquet to his neck."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will be able to solve a problem that has long been bothering you. You should make sure you do not lose contact with an old friend. Do all you can to stay calm. Be reasonable.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You should not allow yourself to become too pessimistic. There will be a lot to be pleased about but there is no reason for complacency. You should not jump to conclusions nor rely on guesswork. Be tactful.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>Something that you have been neglecting is of greater importance than you first thought. You will have an opportunity that will not soon come again. Do not think you are the only one who has any intelligence. Be fair.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>Avoid adding more salt to your food and try to use less sugar. You should have a little more faith in yourself. Make sure you do not do say something that you know you ought not. Be alert.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You will tend to be a little nervous of something that is ahead of you. However you have nothing to fear if you keep your wits about you. You should not allow yourself to be possessed by negative thoughts. Be less demanding.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</p> <p>You will tend to be rather argumentative so try to keep away from controversy. If you are trying to learn something make sure you get plenty of practice. Do not allow yourself to become discouraged by some small setback. Be considerate.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You will feel a little off colour and having done what is important should try to take it easy. You should do all you can to keep calm. Now is not the time to take any risks or chances. Be a little more patient.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You will need to have your wits very much about you. Instead of being hostile to change you should positively welcome it. Do not allow work to dominate your life entirely. Be more attentive.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>A small infection should not be neglected. Something you know should be done now should not be delayed. You will receive some better news than you had expected. Do all you can to reduce tension. Be amenable.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</p> <p>This is going to be a quite important day for you so be on your guard. You will find the answer to a problem that has been defying you. Take the best care of your health. Be less obdurate.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>You will find it easier to absorb new knowledge. You must take care that you do not jump to conclusions: two and two do not make five. Take a little better care of your health. Be moderate.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You should beware of wasting time and you should also conserve your energies. You will not have as much time as you would wish to devote to your personal affairs. Make sure you do not do anything that would come between you and your partner. Be more patient.</p>



Traffic stopper: all eyes (right) as the rush hour commuter crowd on bicycles stares at the foreigners on a bridge across the Pearl River in Canton.

Mozart hat trick

By Edward Greenfield

IT WAS the newly-founded Glyndebourne company in the mid-thirties that made recording history, putting on disc for the very first time complete recordings of Mozart's three Da Ponte masterpieces, starting with *Le nozze di Figaro* in the very first season. Now, at a time when alternative versions of such favourite works come by the half-dozen in the record catalogue, the latterday Glyndebourne company has just completed the trilogy again, with Bernard Haitink conducting performances originally linked with the vintage productions of Sir Peter Hall.

Not that the original intention was to do the whole trilogy again with the Glyndebourne company, but the enormous success of Don Giovanni four years ago with Thomas Allen outstanding in the name part led to the appearance last year of *Così fan tutte*, and now, thanks to the sponsorship of the young Frenchman, Vincent Meyer, to the opera which lies at the very heart of Glyndebourne, *Figaro*, the one which opened the first season in 1934 and which 50 years later to the day marked its half-century in a performance under Haitink very similar to the one now recorded.

The problem for the record company, EMI, was that during the planning stage it already had on the stocks another version of *Figaro* being conducted by Riccardo Muti in Vienna. Fortunately that did not prevent the Glyndebourne project from going ahead, for in every way this new version outshines its EMI stablemate, typical of Haitink in its often measured speeds and with a vintage *Figaro* in Claudio Desderi, characterful in a traditional way, following up his splendid Don Alfonso in the *Così* recording last year.

Recorded in EMI's own Abbey Road studio, the sound of the Glyndebourne version is far superior to that of the Vienna set, though I am now eager to have on CD the mid-term Glyndebourne *Figaro* recording, a sparkling set made for the Mozart bicentenary in 1956 with Vittorio Gui conduc-

ting and with Sena Jurinac as a radiant Countess.

That was one of EMI's first demonstration stereo recordings, and was more closely geared to bringing out the impression of a Glyndebourne staging than the new set, on which I suspect Peter Hall was not consulted at all. Nonetheless, similarly it reflects the easy interplay of performers used to acting together, different in quality from a random studio assemblage of soloists.

Teamwork is of the essence in this of all operas, and on that the new set scores all round. Yet for all the reliable consistency of the cast, not one of the principals with the incidental exception of Anne Dawson singing delectably in the small role of Barbarina — would be top of my competitive lists in the current recording stakes. Desderi is certainly very near the top, even if he relies just a little too much on parlando effects. Gianna Rolandi is a charming, positive Susanna, but in vocal beauty she has to yield to such a rival as Lucia Popp on Solti's *Decca* set.

It is that *Decca* rival which, as in all *Figaro* comparisons of recent years, has come out as the most satisfying in its array of soloists, headed by Samuel Ramey as a young-sounding, vocally handsome *Figaro*, and also including Dame Kiri Te Kanawa in one of her very finest recorded performances as the Countess; Thomas Allen the most commanding count, handsome again and dramatic without being explosive; Frederica von Stade as Cherubino, and Robert Tear an unforgettable Basilio.

Not that Ugo Benelli, the Glyndebourne Basilio, falls at all short on characterisation, but neither Richard Sillwell as the Count, Faith Esham as Cherubino nor even Felicity Lott as the Countess, for all their strength, quite match in beauty or character the *Decca* rivals.

Solti too is at his most sparkling on the *Decca* set but a key point for many will be that Haitink here very effectively gives *Figaro* more weight than usual, bringing out the element of seriousness, as be did in *Così*, drawing all three of the Da

Ponte operas together.

It brings one or two incidental advantages on CD, when it is more generously indexed than most rival sets, and has Act 4 separately on the third disc, which means that only Act 2 involves an internal break in the playing. How different from the 1934 set under Fritz Busch, which on 33 short-playing 78 rpm sides, arranged in the oddest order, was quite a problem even to assemble.

Next season brings the first Glyndebourne period performances of Mozart under Simon Rattle, and no doubt recordings will follow. Already John Eliot Gardiner is lined up to record Mozart opera using period instruments, and his latest choral recording whets the appetite. In his account of the unfinished C minor Mass, Mozart's greatest choral work even as a torso, I am glad he does not follow the line of the more severe authenticists in rejecting some of the movements, even the heavenly Et incarnatus, for needing detail filled in.

Gardiner instead has rethought the regular Alois Schmitt reconstruction of 1901, correcting some of his misreadings in the Credo and rewriting the string parts of Et incarnatus in a style closer to Mozart's.

For the rest this is an outstandingly fresh performance of high dramatic contrast, just as compelling as Gardiner's recent version of the Mozart Requiem, also for Philips, with the Monteverdi Choir and English Baroque Soloists. Both sopranos, Sylvia McNair and Diana Montague, are aptly pure and bright-toned, with tenor, Anthony Rolfe-Johnson in exceptionally sweet voice.

As in many areas of the Mozart repertoire, new recordings of his youthful violin concertos are proliferating, but none are more appealing than the two discs so far issued in a series with the outstanding Taiwanese violinist, Chiao-Liang Lin and the English Chamber Orchestra under Raymond Leppard.

This is an area where traditional, not period performance still holds sway, but Lin — unlike most of his virtuoso rivals — is not spoilt and the



Thomas Allen: commanding

relaxed geniality of his playing the fun and fantasy, is similarly more apt of these highly original teenage inspirations than the grand manner.

The first two discs in the series each bring a valuable bonus in the alternative movements which Mozart wrote for two of the concertos. So the favourite coupling of the third and fifth of the concertos, K.216 in G and K.219 in A, has as a supplement the E major Adagio, K.261, which was Mozart's first idea for a slow movement for K.219.

Similarly the coupling of No. 1, K.207 in B flat, with No. 4, K.218 in D, brings as bonus the alternative finale for K.207, replacing the brisk Haydn-esque movement regularly played with the easy jollity of the galloping 6/8 Rondo in B

flat, K.269. On CD you can even programme the disc to play the alternative movements instead of the usual ones.

Mozart: *Le nozze di Figaro*. Haitink/Desderi/Lotti/Roland-i/Sillwell/Esham/Knorr/Glyndebourne Chorus/LPO. EMI CDS 749753 (three CDs), EX 749753-3/5 (three LPs/cassettes). Mozart: *Mass in C minor*. Gardiner/McNair/Montague/Rolfe-Johnson/Hauptmann/Monteverdi Choir/English Baroque Soloists. Philips 420210-2/1/4 (CD/LP/cassette).

Mozart: *Violin Concertos Nos 3 and 5*. Adagio in E, CBS MK/M/MT 42364 (CD/LP/cassette). Nos 1 and 4, Rondo in B flat, CBS MK/M/MT 44503 (CD/LP/cassette).

By Robin Denselow

PUNK and reliability may seem an odd combination, but the new-style Iggy Pop manages to bring them together. After a wild 20-year career, which has often teetered on the edge of disaster, the one-time maniac and punk prototype has cleaned up his life and his sound an re-emerged as the exponent of a high-energy guitar rock style in which punk is dressed up for the mass market.

The 1986 LP, *Blah Blah Blah* marked the beginning of the change and included that stirring rock'n'roll hit, *Real Wild Child*. Instinct continues the process, with Pop even more firmly in control.

This time Iggy is joined not by Bowie but by that other collaborator from *Blah Blah Blah*, former Sex Pistol Steve Jones, who is now doing very nicely by helping out the US rock establishment. Fresh from playing with Dylan on *Down In The Groove*, he provides the solid, no-nonsense guitar riffs that are the backbone of these.

Iggy's other collaborator is Bill Laswell, the multi-cultural fusion exponent and the producer responsible for Public Image's *Album LP*. He's retained all Pop's old punk energy but pared-down and cleaned up the sound, balancing the vocals and the thunderous backing in such a way that Iggy can still sound lyrical

Punk, funk, fusion

and even thoughtful with full-on rock riffs crashing behind him. This is a confident mainstream guitar rock album that's still a distinctive Iggy Pop product.

It's good to see guitar rock energy returning to fashion in the States, and the move can only help the Georgia Satellites, a good old-fashioned four-piece boogie band with suitable haircuts (or lack of them).

The selection includes solid rolling Southern rock pieces like *Baby So Fine*, some chugging boogie, a dash of country rock with *Don't Pass Me By*, and a solid guitar work-out on the rock'n'roll classic, *Whole Lotta Shakin'*. More conventional than Iggy, but equally reliable.

If white Americans are moving back to guitars, black American is still excited by technology. The most intriguing black LP of the week is by great James Brown himself — the man whose back-catalogue has been borrowed, stolen or "sampled" by every rapper and high-tech funkster going.

With help from the slick, cool Full Force team, Brown himself now joins in the process, after first delivering a warning to "all you copy-cats out there with a bit of self-promotion

that's very much in the current rap tradition.

What follows is a curious fusion of the old James Brown sweaty funk and the new cool designer funk of a team skilled in technology rather than live performance. Brown sings against a light, slick backing, complete with scratching techniques and cool vocals, and still has the personality, power and emotion not to be swamped by all the electronics.

Over in Detroit, once the home of the glorious Motown bands, technology has taken over completely, judging from the Techno! compilation. Washington's Go-Go styles and Chicago's House music may be fusing disco, rap, funk and other black dance styles, but the new Detroit music is far less human or cheerful — a mechanical work-out that sounds like the missing link between James Brown and Kraftwerk.

This two-album set is a compilation of tracks produced by newcomers like Juan Atkins and Derrick May, and ranges from incredibly repetitive bursts of electro-percussion to passages of light ambient funk in which the computers produce what sounds like rhythmic film music. There are interesting passages, like Blake Baxter's

cool and promiscuous *Ride 'Em Boy*, but this is a set that leads to instant nostalgia for the optimism of Detroit in the Sixties, and the era of the Supremes and The Temptations.

From over in Minneapolis there's a standard burst of hit parade fodder from a lady with a pedigree to make the records company bosses drool. Tyka Nelson is the sister of a certain Prince Rogers Nelson, who is rather better known as Prince, but that doesn't mean that she has his originality.

She can turn out breathy dance songs and pleasant, professional ballads like *Paris* and *Marc Anthony's Tune*, but it's all pretty forgettable.

From this side of the Atlantic, there's a rather more ambitious debut from another girl with a musical pedigree. Sam Brown is the daughter of Sixties rocker Joe Brown, and has worked as backing singer for the likes of Spandau Ballet and Adam and The Ants.

Now, joined by Pink Floyd guitarist Dave Gilmour for a couple of the tracks, she aims well outside the pop mainstream with a set of 12 very different songs — all of which she co-wrote — which range from sophisticated balladry to funk, from R&B and a slinky

late-night mood piece like *Piece of My Luck*, to a delightfully quirky combination of British music-hall and opera in *Tea*.

Her range is as impressive as her acrobatic vocals and she hits all the right notes, but the quality of her singing can't yet keep up with her writing. A brave debut for all that.

Finally, the statutory Good Irish Band of the week, and the debut from Dublin's The Stars Of Heaven. They've already released a mini-LP, *Sacred Heart Hotel*, and an EP, *Holyhead*, and now follow up with a full set that shows off their blend of light, semi-acoustic country-tinged guitar, and the muted vocals of Steven Ryan.

A pleasant, charming set, even if they won't set the world alight like some of their contemporaries.

Iggy Pop: Instinct (A&M MAMA5198) The Georgia Satellites: *Open All Night* (Elektra EKT47) James Brown with Full Force: *I'm Real* (Scotti Bros/Polydor POLDS230) Techno! *The New Sound Of Detroit* (10 Records) DIXG75 Tyka Nelson: *Royal Blue* (Cooltemp/Chrysalis CTLP7) Sam Brown: *Stop!* (A & M MAMA5195) The Stars Of Heaven: *Speak Slowly* (Rough Trade ROUGH121)



Sam Brown... acrobatic vocals well outside the pop mainstream.

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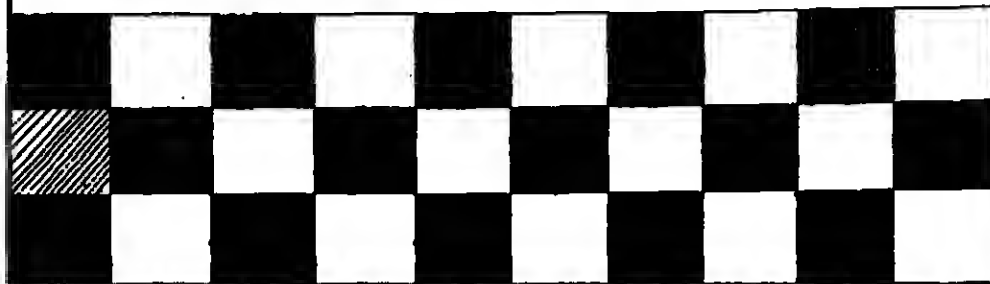
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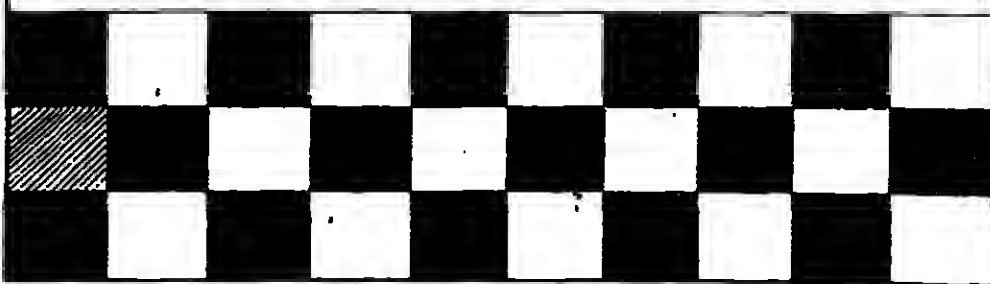
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Mobilising the Gulf's human resources

Deficiency in quality and quantity of nationals obstructs progress

DEFICIENCY in the quality and quantity of indigenous human resources is perceived to be the most important bottleneck to progress in the Gulf region under the current development strategy.

For industrialisation and economic diversification to succeed, and in order to reduce the region's over-dependence on expatriate labour, a higher percentage of nationals needs to be trained in managerial, technical and operational skills, according to a monthly publication of Gulf International Bank, Bahrain.

The challenge facing policy makers is not only to upgrade the capacity of the national workforce to the point where they could play a more active role in the productive sectors of their economies, but also to develop new attitudes towards technical and blue-collar jobs and render them more socially acceptable.

Training
Problems of mobilising human resources in the region are not only limited to training and acquiring new skills and attitudes towards certain jobs, they also include wage structure by skill and occupation, disequilibrium in the demand and supply of labour, upgrading the educational infrastructure, as well as changing demographic trends and prospects of integrating women into the labour force.

Analysis of manpower planning issues have been limited in the past by the unavailability of relevant data.

Human resource development

requires a long lead time. The current deficiencies in the quality and skill composition of the national workforce must, therefore, wait for sufficient numbers of graduates to pass through a vastly expanded primary and secondary school system, systematic expansion of vocational and technical institutes, and substantial improvements in the quality of teacher training.

The change in attitudes, whereby nationals start to accept working in certain jobs and students attracted to university education just for the name of it, will be better off pursuing vocational and technical training, will also take time to materialise.

Over-exaggerated
The often publicised gloom over employment prospects of expatriates in the Gulf is over-exaggerated. The completion of major infrastructural projects has released a large number of unskilled and semi-skilled workers in the construction and supporting activities, many of which were repatriated back home.

Although this labour intensive phase of the region's development is almost over, there is a steadily growing need for professionals and higher skilled workers in services, operation, maintenance and the emerging industrial sectors.

Demand for certain skills will exceed indigenous supply for many years to come. There will be, therefore, a clear continuing role for expatriates in the region.

A study by Gulf International Bank of Bahrain on the problems of mobilising human resources in the Arabian Gulf region will be serialised from today. Following is Part 1 of the series.

albeit with a different skill composition than what was needed in the 70s and early 80s.

According to United Nations statistics based on national censuses and demographic surveys, the six GCC states had a combined population of 15.79 million in 1986 with Saudi Arabia (10 million) being by far the largest country. Kuwait's population was put at 1.82 million, UAE's 1.67 million, Oman's 1.31 million, Bahrain's 0.434 million and Qatar's 0.389 million.

The number of non-nationals was around 6.4 million, or close to 40 per cent of the region's total population. Although Saudi Arabia absorbed by far the largest number of expatriates, the percentage of non-nationals was highest in UAE and Qatar, around 74 per cent and 73 per cent respectively.

Expatriates comprised a lower share of total population in the other Gulf states, in Kuwait around 59 per cent, Oman 38 per cent, Bahrain 32 per cent, and Saudi Arabia 31 per cent.

There is a higher percentage of males than females in the Gulf, with around 60 per cent of the region's total population being males. Most of the expatriates, especially the larger number of unskilled labour, are single men whose families do not accom-

pany them during their stay in the region.

The ratio of males in the total population differs from one country to another. It is as high as 68 per cent in the UAE, 65 per cent in Qatar, 60 per cent in Saudi Arabia, while it is lower in Kuwait and Oman, at around 57 per cent. Nationals exhibit a more balanced population structure with the percentage of males close to a worldwide average of 50 per cent.

Fertility
A common characteristic of high fertility rate is observed in the region, especially among nationals, leading to high birth rates and a very youthful age structure. The average number of children that would be born alive per woman during her lifetime ranges for nationals between 5.9 in Bahrain to 7.5 in Saudi Arabia, UAE and Oman.

The average crude birth rate (number of live births per 1,000 persons) is over 40 in all the Gulf countries and the average crude death rate per 1,000 population is less than seven in Kuwait, UAE, Bahrain and Qatar, around 15 in Saudi Arabia and 17 in Oman.

The high fertility and declining mortality rates were responsible for the extremely high growth of the region's national population, averaging around 3.5 per cent for the period 1975-1985.

High population growth among nationals has resulted in an age structure marked by extreme youthfulness. Almost 50 per cent of the national population is believed to be under 15 years old and the percentage of those above 65 years is around 5 per cent. Such a population structure leads to a high dependency ratio in the sense that the economically active population has to bear the burden of inactive persons which is twice as heavy as in most developed countries.

Gulf population is also highly urbanised. More than two thirds of the total population lives in urban areas with a much higher percentage (above 80 per cent) for Kuwait, Qatar, UAE and Bahrain. The phenomenon of "primate cities" in the region is worth noting in this respect, with international migration adding to the cities own demographic dynamics.

Literacy rates
Literacy rates for nationals have been on the rise in the various Gulf countries. In 1986, over 75 per cent of national men were literate compared to around 55 per cent for women. Female illiteracy rates have decreased considerably with the advance of education of girls in the various Gulf states.

However, the relatively high female illiteracy rates are inflated

by the lack of education in the older age groups.

The economic participation rates for Gulf nationals is relatively low ranging between 27.5 per cent for Bahrain and 18.1 per cent for UAE. Even male participation rates are lower than worldwide averages reflecting the young age structure of the population, with more than 50 per cent being too young to enter the modern workforce. The participation rates of national women, even though have been on the rise with increased female education, nevertheless in certain Gulf countries are still at extremely low levels. These were lowest in the UAE 1.5 per cent in 1986, and highest in Bahrain and Kuwait, 11.0 per cent and 7.8 per cent respectively.

A dramatically altered educational profile than what prevailed in the 70s. Enrollment at all levels has been on the rise, with the number of students pursuing primary education being especially commendable. Variations between the sexes have been reduced with enrolment of female Gulf nationals rising to 49 per cent of total enrolment in Kuwait, UAE, and Bahrain, 46 per cent in Oman and 38 per cent in Saudi Arabia. While at the primary levels, variation between enrolment of national males and females is rather minimal, at the preparatory, secondary and higher education levels, more males are enrolled in schools and universities than females.

(To be continued)

Abu Dhabi firm scaled down drilling plans

ABU DHABI, July 4, (OPECNA): The Abu Dhabi Company for Onshore Oil (ADCO) launched 11 drilling and workover programmes in the beginning of 1987, but scaled down the figure to four by the end of the year, according to a company report.

Two drilling and two workover rigs were operated during the first quarter of the year, with one deployed for exploration and three for development.

The report says after the completion and commissioning of major field projects, including power and distribution facilities, the company substantially increased its 1987 operating and maintenance programmes.

Norway and Mexico agree to keep an eye on oil market

VIENNA, July 4, (OPECNA): Norway and Mexico, two major non-OPEC oil producers, have agreed to keep a "careful watch" on the international oil market, OPECNA learnt today.

Gunnar Myrvang, special assistant to the Norwegian Minister of Oil and Energy, Arne Oeien, said in a telephone interview from Oslo that the understanding was reached during the minister's visit to Mexico last week where he held a number of meetings with Mexican Secretary of Energy and Mines Fernando Balderama Hiriart.

He told OPECNA that the two countries had also expressed their readiness to continue to support OPEC's market stabilisation efforts.

Myrvang, who accompanied

Oeien, described the talks in Mexico City as "an in-depth exchange of information and opinion on the international oil market situation."

He said the two countries had similar views on recent oil market developments and future trends.

While in Caracas, Oeien, explained Norway's decision to support OPEC efforts to bring stability to the world oil scene.

Exploration

Oeien's tour began in Brazil, where he held talks on the Latin American country's involvement in North Sea oil exploration. Later, he went to Venezuela where he held detailed discussions with Minister of Energy and Mines Dr Arturo Hernandez Grisanti.

Britain raises interest rates again

LONDON, July 4, (Reuters): Britain raised interest rates today for the fifth time since early June in a renewed effort to brake a credit-fuelled consumer spending spree which the government fears will rekindle inflation.

The Bank of England (central bank) raised its money market lending rate half a percentage point to 10 per cent.

This is the rate at which it lends money to commercial banks and the move was intended to force most British interest rates up again.

Led

Within minutes, Barclays and the Midland Banks, second and third biggest in Britain, led the commercial banks in raising base lending rates by half a point to 10 per cent.

Economists had expected the rise since last week, when the bank raised its rate to 9.5 per cent after Britain reported a record £1.21 billion (\$2.04 billion) current account balance of payments deficit in May.

That deficit, which measures trade and international payments for such services as

banking, shipping and tourism, is a key signal of inflationary pressure, economists said.

The British government has worried that a big deficit means Britons are spending too much on imports and that the buying spree will send inflation soaring. The British Treasury said today it felt a further tightening of credit was appropriate after interest rates elsewhere rose last week.

Worried

It has worried that a big current account deficit means Britons are spending too much on imports.

West Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank, raised its key discount rate to three per cent from 2.5 per cent last week.

With today's increase, the Bank of England has boosted interest rates 2.5 percentage points from the 10-year lows reached in May, when the government wanted to cool a rally in the pound sterling which it feared would price British goods off foreign markets.

The pound held steady at \$1.69 after today's rate hike.

Inflation could disrupt Poland's economic reforms

WARSAW, July 4, (Reuters): Polish economy chief Wladyslaw Baka has warned that inflation could disrupt the government's programme of sweeping economic reforms and lead to new unrest.

"The monetary and market situation today and the prospects for curbing inflation are worse than a year ago," Baka was quoted yesterday by the official PAP news agency as saying.

This could lead to the spread of "black-marketising, the emergence of pockets of wealth and areas of poverty as well as an increase in social tension," Baka said.

Finance Minister Bazyli Samojlik said recently that inflation reached 48 per cent at the end of May compared with 26 per cent for all of 1987.

Baka, an economics professor and president of the Polish

National Bank, was named to the Communist Party's policy-making politburo last month and put in charge of the government's faltering economic reforms.

An advocate of a tight-money policy, he had sharply criticised price increases which triggered a two-week wave of labour unrest in April and May.

Personal incomes have been rising at a swifter pace than prices and resulting in shortages, Baka said, but most Poles complain of runaway price increases.

Listed

"If market equilibrium is not achieved and money is not strengthened, the reforms designed to stimulate the economy will all be in vain," he added.

Internal Trade Minister Jerzy Jozwiak yesterday listed household appliances, furniture and various food products among the many items now in short supply.



Vietnamese women count a large pile of banknotes at the Commercial and Industrial Bank, Vietnam's only private bank. Such a large pile of cash accumulates quickly at the bank because of inflation and the value of the dong. A 2,000-dong note is the highest denomination and is worth about 65 US cents.

Mauritanian women visiting US for business talks

WASHINGTON, July 4, (Reuters): Wearing traditional Muslim dress, six Mauritanian women were determined to prove during a three-week visit to the United States that more than just clothes goes into making a businesswoman.

They exchanged their management experience with American women in business and politics, while trying to diminish the stereotype in the West of Muslim women.

Point

"We want to make the point that Arab and Muslim women are not typical women who are always at home, who are not independent and who do not take care of themselves," said Jemila Taya, manager and owner of a fishing company.

"People are often surprised when we explain that we have bankers and accountants too," she said.

Two of the women, who are aged between 28 and 39 and all married, work as chief accountants for Mauritanian bank and state institutions, two work in economic and financial management and two work in the fishing industry.

They said they were impressed with American women's organisations such as the National Women's Democratic Club and Creative Associates, a development consulting firm founded by women.

Interested

"They were very interested in how the organisation was set up and how they can create such an organisation in their own country," said Jean Jennin, president of the Women's Democratic Club.

They asked about membership fees, voluntary work and child care, but anticipated that it would be a problem for most

Mauritanian women to find time to do volunteer work.

"These groups really know what they want. They plan well ahead which is what we need. We do not have the organisation yet," Jemila Taya said.

Programme

Their three-week travel through the United States in June was part of a programme called human resources development assistance for Africa by the US Agency for International Development (AID).

The programme will receive \$70 million over the next five years to train 10,000 Africans in managerial skills, an AID official said.

"They will be trained to learn modern management techniques," the officials said. "We want to bring Africans here for short programmes and then repeat these programmes in

Africa."

The women, who are out part of the training programme, were primarily interested in the US fishing industry and financial management.

Lacks

One of Mauritania's largest natural resources and export goods is fish. But the West African country lacks canning facilities that would permit it to sell fish throughout the world. Now it sells mostly frozen fish to neighbouring countries.

In Rhode Island, the women saw fish processing and packing enterprises and in Seattle, Washington, they visited a US-Soviet joint venture that markets fish products.

In addition to American business, the women also experienced some aspects of American life. They had dinner with an American family and stayed in a 19th-century home filled with

antiques.

They said they liked "the green aspect" of Washington DC with its flowers, trees and parks, because their own capital, Nouakchott, is extremely dry and surrounded by desert.

To Break

And while they were trying to break the Western stereotype of Muslim women, they changed their own perception of Western women and the United States, they said.

"We have a lot of women who are trying to lose weight and we are pleased to see that many women in the United States have weight problems as well," Taya said.

"We always thought in the Western world everybody who is not African or Asian does not share and care for others," Taya said.

"But that is a cliché, too," she added.

World Business Summary

World wool production to hit record this year

LONDON, July 4, (Reuters): World wool production will probably rise 2.1 per cent this year to a record 3.12 million tonnes, the Commonwealth Secretariat said today. The secretariat said the rise was mostly due to increases in Australia and China. Australia is the world's biggest producer while China ranks fourth. But the wool-clip for the second biggest producer, the Soviet Union, is down — although there were an extra 1.4 million sheep there to be sheared this year, weather conditions did not favour heavy fleeces. Good grazing in Australia, along with an increase in sheep farming, should boost this year's wool clip by 3.3 per cent to 917,000 tonnes — just below the record 925,000 tonnes set in 1969/70. Chinese production jumped 14 per cent to 208,000 tonnes because of the government's campaign to boost productivity. In New Zealand, the number-three producer, the clip should rise to 355,000 tonnes from 350,000 last year, boosted by above-average fleece weights and a larger number of lambs. South American output was also higher, due largely to gains in Argentina and Brazil, the Commonwealth Secretariat said.

Cameras to stop rolling at Britain's oldest film studios

LONDON, July 4, (Reuters): Elstree Studios, the one-time heart of the British film industry where Laurence Olivier and Ralph Richardson launched their screen careers, is to close in October. The movie lot on which Alfred Hitchcock first rose to prominence as a director over 50 years ago has been sold by the Cannon group to a Spanish property company. Studio head Andrew Mitchell said the sale was "another nail in the coffin of the British film industry." Seventy jobs will be lost at Elstree but post-production work will be transferred to another location. Elstree was founded in 1926 as Britain's first film studio and was built just outside London in Hertfordshire to avoid the thick fogs that plagued the capital at the time and made film-making difficult. Cannon said it could not maintain Elstree and had completed a deal with Renta Imobiliaria SA.

Barry Jenkins, managing director of Cannon's British arm, said: "The current state of the British film production industry has resulted in the lack of consistent business passing through the studios."

The studios boasted the largest sound stage in Europe, where James Mason, Marlene O'Hara and Charles Laughton appeared in their first films. But by the 1970s, Elstree had fallen on hard times. It was heavily in debt and threatened with closure, only pulling through by cutting staff and investing in new facilities.

GM's major reshuffling helps prepare new leaders

DETROIT, Michigan, July 4, (AP): General Motors Corp. chairman Roger Smith says a major reshuffling of top-level management will help train and prepare a new generation to run the world's largest automaker in the next century. Smith announced promotions of more than a dozen top executives, including three new executive vice-presidents, in the wake of resignation of Elwood Johnson, a GM director and executive vice-president in charge of the automaker's operating, legal and public affairs staffs. Johnson, a rare high-level outsider who joined GM just five years ago, once was considered a contender to replace Smith when the chairman retires in 1990. Smith said that GM had been planning the moves for more than a year but accelerated them when Johnson resigned. Smith disputed reports that Johnson was frustrated in efforts to lighten GM's ponderous bureaucracy and in his ambition to succeed Smith. The moves, which widened the pool of Smith's potential successors, affected 14 GM executives. Johnson's executive assignments were divided among several top executives. The three new executive vice-presidents are William E. Hoglund, 53; John F. Smith Jr, 50; and Robert T. O'Connell, 49. John Smith, who was a GM vice-president and president of General Motors Europe, is now in charge of all GM overseas operations — the first time GM has had an executive vice-president whose sole responsibility is overseas business, the primary source of GM's 1987 profits.

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FAST TRACK PROMOTER
• Vam Organic Chemicals Limited, one of the fastest growing chemical companies in India.

PROJECT
• A Rs. 87.50 crore project for the manufacture of MEG, a vital petrochemical.
• Project, in many respects, similar to VAM's existing project.

MEGA MARKET
• MEG, an indispensable product for the manufacture of polyester (PST, PET, chips, films, resins), increasing application also in coolants, brake fluids, deflycants etc.

HIGH VALUE ADDITION
• Manufacture of MEG from molasses, an agricultural residue.

TECHNICAL COLLABORATOR
• Scientific Design Co. Inc., USA — planner and leader with over 40 years of experience.

IMPORT SUBSTITUTION PRODUCT
• More than 65% of the country's requirement of MEG is currently being imported.

LOCATION
• Heart of UP's sugarcane belt ensuring regular supply of molasses; close proximity to major users; also entitled to Backward Area benefits.

LISTING
• Kanpur, Delhi, Bombay, Ahmedabad and Calcutta Stock Exchanges.

INVESTORS' CONFERENCE

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Primary Industries Minister I Keng Yaik visited Europe in May to promote the country's timber exports and reject claims that the country's 150-million-year-old hardwood forests were being destroyed.

Lim told Reuters in a recent interview that replanting and natural regeneration ensured the jungle would not disappear. He also accused British environmentalists of adopting "colonial and patronising attitudes" when he met them.

Accuse

Politicians regularly accuse environmentalists of trying to prevent the Dayaks benefiting from modernisation.

"If environmentalists are prepared to give us the same amount of money we get from timber and provide jobs for the thousands engaged in the timber industry, then we will consider stopping it," said Adnan.

The pro-timber lobby says the Dayaks, who have traditionally lived from slash and burn farming, do not have refrigerators and air conditioning in their longhouses as well as mass disposable income.

But critics retort that once the loggers move on, locals have no jobs and their rivers — sources of fish and drinking water — are polluted.

Mekanda Singh Sandhu, a lawyer who has appeared for Dayaks in court cases brought against timber companies, said loggers' bulldozers have caused soil erosion and silted rivers.

Tracks out

Timber companies had also been tracks out of Dayak ancestral lands desecrating graves, Mekanda said. He added that compensation paid to locals was based on laws dating from the 1950s and was "ridiculously low."

Adnan Satein said timber merchants who had not respected state's forestry conservation rules had been fined and some had lost their licences. "The locals are being exploited and misled. Environmentalists should look after Europe. I look what has happened to the European environment," he said.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1998

International Bond Highlights

LONDON — Telefonica de Espana is issuing a 200 mln dir convertible Eurobond due July 27, 2003 with an indicated coupon of four to 4-1/2 pct and par pricing, lead manager, S.G. Warburg securities said. (RTUS 0909)

FRANKFURT — Eurofima, European company for the financing of railroad rolling stock, said it is issuing a 400 mln mark, 10-year bullet Eurobond with a 6-1/4 pct coupon priced at 100-5/8. (RTVC 1006)

FRANKFURT — Thailand is issuing a 200 mln mark, five-year Eurobond with a 5-3/4 pct coupon priced at 100-1/8, lead manager Commerzbank AG said. (RTVW 1121)

MADRID — The World Bank is to issue a 10 billion peseta "Matador" bond, Banco de Bilbao SA's merchant banking division said as lead manager. The 10-year bullet bond, due Dec 8, 1998 and carrying a fixed 10-5/8 pct coupon, will be priced and redeemable at par. (RTYG 1157)

LONDON — Tokyo Tire and Rubber Co Ltd is issuing a 100 mln dir equity warrant Eurobond due July 28, 1993 with an indicated coupon of 4-1/4 pct and par pricing, lead manager Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd said. (RTUV 0834)

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	62	61.50	62.75	NICO	560	567.50	567.50
ACC	233	232	223	GRFC	43	43	43	MUKAND	84.50	83.50	84
ASIA PAINT	153.75	153.75	151.25	GRASIN	106	107	106	NOCIL	445	440	435
BAJAJ AUTO	238.75	238.75	235	HSFC	122	123	122	ORXAY	34.50	34.50	34.50
BOR. RAYON	242.50	240	245	HINDALCO	85.50	86	86.50	PEICO	31	30	31
BR. BOND	140	142	145	HSNOCOCA	81	80	78.75	PRE. ATOR	35.50	35.50	35.75
BSSE INDEX	85	84	85	HINDMOTR	24	24	23.75	RAYMOND	49	48.50	49
CENTURYSPG	583.50		577.53	IND ORG	20	19.50	19.75	RELANCE	199	202	195
COLGATE	840	840	840	INDRAN	68.50	68.50	69	SIEMENS	66	65	66
DEEPAPKFT	207.50	207.50	203.75	INDROL	175	177.50	175	SPIC	47.50	48.50	48
EL. HOTEL	34.50	33	34.50	ITC	40	39	40	STOKHOLS	220	--	--
ESKATF	49	48	49	JKSNTW	63.50	64	65	TATA PUR	226.25	227.50	230
ESSAR	151.25	147.50	151.25	L AND T	93.50	93	93	TATACHEN	70	68	68.50
GE. POLY	19	19	19	MAHINDRA	57	57	57	TELCO	650	650	652.50
GR. SHIP	83.50	80	80	MASTERSHR	11	11.50	11.35	TISCO	841.25	842.50	837.50
	27.50	27.25	27.50	NATHER PL	54	54	50	VOLTA	292.50	287.50	292.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE
AEG	200.4	200.4
ALLIANZ VR	1493.0	1465.0
BADEMWERK	184.0	182.5
BASF	254.2	252.0
BAYER	283.3	283.7
BAYER HYP	353.0	355.0
BAYER VER	352.0	351.0
BBK	312.2	322.0
BHF	410.0	410.0
BMW	519.0	515.0
COMMERZB	237.2	237.0
CONTI GUM	252.0	250.0
DATHEIN BER	651.0	658.5
DEUTSC BK	459.0	459.5
DLH	389.0	383.0
DRESNER B	269.8	269.0
DT BARDOCK	179.5	176.0
FAZ INDEX	485.74	479.66
FELDMUEHLE	285.0	284.0
FELDSCHMID	294.0	310.0
HANDEWER	434.0	436.0
HOECHST AG	267.2	265.5
HOESCH	139.5	142.0
HORTEN	188.5	186.0
KUUSLE RLD	428.0	435.0
KALI SALZ	170.2	167.5
KARSTADT	427.0	423.0
KAUFOFF	368.5	362.5
KLOECK H	130.0	132.0
KLOECK W	0	101.00
LEIBNIZ	601.0	605.0
LIPTHAUS	165.0	163.0
MANAG	141.0	139.0
MANNESMAN	159.0	159.5
MERCEDES	539.0	535.0
METALLURG	307.0	315.0
NIXDORF PF	476.0	474.0
NORSK HYD	57.0	58.00
PHILIP ROM	595.5	609.0
PORSCHE	516.0	519.0
PREUSSAG	174.0	177.3
PIA	220.0	220.0
RHEINMETAL	299.0	297.0
RME	230.5	232.0
RNE P	217.0	216.5
SALANANDER	245.0	241.0
SCHERING	529.0	532.0
SEL	303.0	310.0
SIEMENS	421.5	426.9
THYSSEN	145.0	147.2
VARTA	287.5	285.0
VEBA	273.7	270.5
VEW	165.5	165.5
VOLKSWAGEN	260.0	258.8

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE
CK TUNNEL	17.70	17.70
CHINA K	7.75	7.80
CHINA GAS	18.00	18.20
CHINA L-P	17.90	17.90
CHINA MTR	23.50	23.80
COSMO IND	0	4.10
EVERSO PRO	57	60
FAR EAST C	85	88
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	9.80	9.90
H S INDEX	67.62	68.64
HANG LUNG	5.40	5.45
HANG SENG	28.90	28.30
HAW PAR BR	0	21.00
HK ELEC CO	7.40	7.40
HK KOWLOON	8.00	7.95
HK LAND CO	7.60	7.65
HK SHAN BK	6.30	6.20
HK SHAN HT	5.05	5.10
HK TELE CO	7.20	7.15
HUTCH WHAM	8.65	9.00
IND ER PAC	12.30	12.40
JARDINE H	13.30	13.30
KOWLOON H	9.75	9.65
NEW WORLD	11.40	11.50
PAUL T CON	2.82	2.85
REALTY DEV	0	6.45
S H K CO	2.37	2.35
S H K PROP	11.60	11.60
SINE DARY	1.94	1.93
STELLUX MFG	2.75	2.75
SWIRE PAC	18.40	18.70
T V B CO	13.20	13.20
TAI CHEUNG	4.02	4.07
UNITION BANK	1.69	1.65
WOCK HAD	0	7.25
WOCK HAT	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	3.67	3.67

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-9/16	6-15/16
3 months	6-1/2	6-13/16
6 months	6-1/2	6-13/16
1 year	6-7/16	6-3/4

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE
AJINOMOTO	3120	3130
AKAI ELEC	686	695
AKI	1020	1000
ASANI GAS	1990	1960
ASANI OPT	755	760
BANK TOKYO	1560	1560
BRIDGESTON	1310	1330
CANON	1250	1250
CASIO COMP	0	1530
CHUGAI MFG	0	1530
CITIZEN W	880	885
D-ICI KAN	3110	3110
DAI NIP IK	808	805
DAI NIP PT	2640	2640
DAI NIP TC	1100	1080
DAI NIP TO	677	670
DAICEL	872	870
DAIWA H	1860	1840
DAIWA SEC	2330	2310
EBRA MFG	980	975
EISAI	2020	2020
FUJITSU	1530	1550
FUJIKI BANK	3160	3170
FUJII PHOTO	3680	3710
FUJISAWA	1750	1720
FUJITSU CP	755	749
HITACHI	1440	1450
HONDA MOT	1670	1670
ISITAN	1860	1790
ITO YOKADA	4270	4300
JAP SYN. RL	1310	1310
KANSAI EL	3210	3250
KAO SOAP	1750	1760
KAWASAKI B	647	640
KAWASAKI S	696	685
KIRIN BREW	2020	2020
KOBAYASHI	781	783
KURATO LTD	757	752
KYOCERA	5340	5330
MAZDA EL	1760	1750
MARUI	2950	2950
MATSUDA EL	0	2650
MATSUDA EL	0	2660
MEIJI SEIK	945	949
MITSUB CP	1180	1180
MITSUB EL	878	870
MITSUB EST	2460	2390
MITSUB RYV	863	860
MITSUBI CO	910	910
MITSUBISHI	1650	1650
MITSUMI EL	1160	1190
NICHICON	1360	1350
NIDON CRT	859	850
NIKKO SEC	1890	1900
NIP ELEC	2090	2090
NIP KOKKAN	562	572
NIP NIK	1110	1090
NIP STEEL	576	585
NIP YUSEN	751	748
NIS MOTOR	1010	1000
NOMURA SEC	3620	3610
OHBA CO	990	970
OLYMPUS	1090	1080
PENTA OCN	880	868
PIONEER	3020	3090
RENOVA	935	941
RICOH	1250	1260
SANKYO	1910	1890
SANYO ELEC	707	700
SEIYU ST	2100	2050
SEKISUI PS	1660	1680
SHARP	1170	1160
SHIMADZU	1760	1790
SONY	5200	5220
SUNITOMO	1080	1070
TAISEI	916	920
TAISHO. RM	1090	1050
TAKEDA CH	2600	2600
TERAKA CH	2600	2600
TOYOTA	148.25	148.57
TOKIO MKN	1830	1820
TOKYO ELEC	1200	1180
TOKYO GAS	1030	1020
TOKYO POAR	5710	5700
TORAY IND	905	890
TOSHIBA EL	914	914
TOTO	2100	2060
TOTO KKOXY	671	654
TOYOTA MOT	2290	2300
YAMAHA	1340	1360
YAMAIKCHI	1860	1850
YAMAMUCHI	3870	3880
YAMAZAKI	1430	1440

Tokyo Stock Market Report

DOLLAR CLOSERS FIRMER BUT OFF HIGHS IN QUIET TOKYO
TOKYO, JULY 4, REUTER — THE DOLLAR CLOSERS FIRMER BUT OFF HIGHS ON PROFIT-TAKING AND FEARS OF BANK OF JAPAN DOLLAR SALES AFTER A RISE TO A YEAR'S HIGH OF 135.20 YEN, DEALERS SAID.

THE DOLLAR SURGED, ESPECIALLY OVERSEAS, BEFORE THE OPENING HERE AFTER NEWS ON SUNDAY THAT THE U.S. SHOT DOWN AN IRANIAN AIRLINER. BUT TRADING WAS QUIET BECAUSE OF THE MARKET CLOSURE IN NEW YORK DUE TO THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY ON MONDAY.

THE DOLLAR CLOSED AT 134.85 YEN AND 1.8225/35 MARKS AGAINST 134.60/50 AND 1.8200/10 IN NEW YORK ON FRIDAY. IT ROSE TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL AGAINST THE YEN SINCE NOVEMBER 20 LAST YEAR.

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE MIXED ON DOLLAR WORRIES
TOKYO, JULY 4, REUTER — SHARE PRICES CLOSED MIXED DUE TO CONTINUED WORRY ABOUT WHEN THE DOLLAR WOULD STOP RISING AGAINST THE YEN, AND A SHORT AFTERNOON BURST OF EXTRA STRENGTH IN THE DOLLAR FUELED FEARS, BROKERS SAID.

"THERE IS TALK THAT THE MARKET CAN HANDLE 138 YEN TO THE DOLLAR, BUT THEN THERE IS A FEELING IT CAN THEN GO TO 140," SAID FUND MANAGER YOSHIOHRO SAWADA OF SANYO INVESTMENT TRUST MANAGEMENT CO. "THE OUTLOOK IS UNCLEAR."

THE NIKKEI INDEX SHED 2.13 POINTS TO 27,360.39. IT SAKE 141.01 POINTS IN HALF-DAY TRADING ON SATURDAY. FALLS LED RISES 1.2 TO ONE IN TURNOVER OF 900 MLN AGAINST 900 MLN ON SATURDAY.

SECURITIES HOUSE, SERVICE, CREDIT/LEASE, TRUCKING, ROLLING STOCK, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, BANK, GAS AND SOME MANUFACTURING SHARES LED THE DECLINE.

AIRLINE, OIL, REAL ESTATE, PHARMACEUTICAL, RAILWAY/BUS, SHIPBUILDING, NON-LIFE INSURANCE AND GLASS/CEMENT ISSUES ROSE. CONTINUED VOLATILITY IN YEN/DOLLAR RATES WAS UNSETTLED INVESTORS, AS WELL AS SPECULATION AS TO WHEN AND IF THE BANK OF JAPAN WILL INTERVENE.

"IT IS NOT SO MUCH THAT THE DOLLAR IS AT 135," SAID A BROKER. "BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHERE IT WILL BE AT TOMORROW."

"THE MARKET SHOULD FLUCTUATE AT AROUND THESE LEVELS FOR A WHILE," SAID A FUND MANAGER AT A MAJOR JAPANESE BANK. "THERE ARE SOME ECONOMIC INDICATORS TO BE RELEASED FROM THE U.S. FAIRLY SOON, SUCH AS THE TRADE DEFICIT FIGURE."

BROKERS ANTICIPATE THE MARKET WILL AGAIN FOCUS ON THE RELEASE OF THE DATA AS IT APPROACHES.

THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY IN THE U.S. HAS FURTHER DISSUADED INVESTORS FROM TAKING POSITIONS AND THIS WAS REFLECTED IN CONSIDERABLE LOWER VOLUME.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JULY 4, REUTER — STOCKS WERE LITTLE CHANGED IN QUIET TRADING WITH WALL STREET CLOSED TODAY FOR U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FINISHED 2.98 UP AT 2,667.62 AND THE HONG KONG DOLLAR INDEX EDGED UP 0.33 TO 1.776.80. TURNOVER CONTINUED LOW AT 926.4 MLN H.K. DLSRS AGAINST FRIDAY'S 912.8 MLN DLSRS.

BROKERS NOTED SOME ACTIVITY AMONG FINANCIAL STOCKS.

"THEY HAVE BEEN LAGGING BEHIND FOR QUITE A WHILE," ONE BROKER SAID.

THE MARKET WILL CONTINUE QUIET FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK, ALTHOUGH THE POTENTIAL FOR A SHORT RALLY EXISTS, BROKERS SAID.

AMMAN

	OPMG	CLSG	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.52	2.52
			JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	3.07	3.09
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.20	1.20	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.41	2.42
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.67	1.64	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.17	1.17
ARAB BANK	114.0	113.5	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.95	3.96	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.35	1.36	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.60	0.61
ARAB INSURANCE	1.00	0.99	JOR SECURIT CORP	0.75	0.75
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.60	2.59
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.90	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.12	1.12
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58	JOR WURSTED MLL	4.52	4.52
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10	JOR KMAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
ARAB PAPER CO/INTD	0.32	0.31	JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.34	7.36
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.96	1.97	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
ARAB PHARM/CHEN	0.76	0.75	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	1.98	1.99
ARAB POTASS CO.	1.65	1.65	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.31	0.31
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	15.25	15.25	JORDAN PATRI	1.00	0.99
BANK OF JORDAN	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.22	1.24
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.50	28.50	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
DAR AL SHAAR PRESS	0.48	0.48	JORDAN ISLAMIC BHK	1.76	1.77
DAR ALDAHA DV/INV.	0.53	1.53	JORDAN KMAIT BHK	1.44	1.41
DARCO/INVEST/HOUSE	0.68	0.68	JORDAN TANNING	2.20	2.01
FINANCE/CREDIT/COF	0.61	0.60	JORDAN TOBACCO/TRY	0.77	0.77
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.65	3.65	NACH/EGUL/RENT/MAIN	0.79	0.79
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	WAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.24	1.25	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
GENERAL MINING	1.31	1.31	HIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
HOLY LAND INS.	1.30	1.30	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
IND. MATCH JENCO	0.63	0.63	NAT/CABEL/WIRE/RF	1.01	1.02
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BHK	1.60	1.61	NATIONAL ANLIA INS	1.24	1.23
INDUSTRIAL/COMM/AGR.	1.26	1.26	NATIONAL INSURANCE	0.38	0.38
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.73	0.72
INTERCOM/INV	0.22	0.22	NATIONAL STEEL	2.65	2.64
ISBIO ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.85	ORIENT ORF BATTERY	0.25	0.28
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PETRA BANK	1.94	1.94
ITEMED/PETRI/CH	1.23	1.24	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.33	0.35
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	1.26	1.29	PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.81	0.81
JERUSALEM INS.	14.10	14.35	REAL INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	1.14	1.15	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.49	0.48
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	25.01	25.05	SHIPPING LINES	0.87	0.87
JOR EAGLE INS.	1.50	1.50	SPINNING WEAVING	0.77	0.77
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.50	1.50	THE HOUSING BANK	1.80	1.80
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.90	0.90	UNITED INSURANCE	0.94	0.94
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.99	0.98	UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.47	1.47
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30	UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.62	1.59	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.70	0.70
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.10

Gold prices rise sharply in Tokyo

Dollar and oil firm after Gulf airliner attack

LONDON, July 4, (Reuters): The dollar, gold and oil firmed today as dealers said they expected international tensions to mount after US forces shot down an Iranian airliner carrying 290 people yesterday.

Investors look on the dollar as a safe haven for funds in times of tension, as they do with gold.

Iran said it had recovered 150 bodies from the airliner, shot down by US forces in the Gulf. The United States said the airliner was mistaken for a fighter.

Helped

"It may have helped to support the dollar, as when there is a crisis like this there is a tendency towards strength in the dollar," said Jeff Bahrenburg an investment strategist at brokers Merrill Lynch Japan Inc.

But dealers said trading was subdued, with few investors eager to buy actively until American markets reopen after the July 4 Independence Day holiday.

The dollar rose more than half a penny and nearly one yen to 1.8250 West German marks and nearly 135 yen. Britain's pound sterling fell more than a cent to trade below \$1.69.

Options

But while bullion jumped sharply in Tokyo, to a high of \$438.75 an ounce, it was fixed later in London at \$437.15 up 30 cents from Friday afternoon.

Oil prices also jumped in Tokyo and slipped in Europe, where Brent crude oil from the North Sea rose about 10 cents a barrel to about \$14.30 for August delivery.

"Iran has very few options to

retaliate against the US, said one Asian oil trader, and nobody is worried that they might try to close the Hormuz Strait at the mouth of the Gulf.

"It's technically impossible and economically impossible for Iran," he added, Iran exports all of its oil through Hormuz.

One-sixth of the non-communist world's oil moves through the Gulf, and dealers worry that any threat to those shipments would boost oil prices. But a huge worldwide glut of oil means supplies are now easy to get and dealers say that means oil prices are likely to remain low for the time being.

Still, stockbrokers said some investors are looking for oil prices to firm — shares in oil companies rose.

Stocks

But stocks markets generally were quiet.

Paris shares rose 0.42 per cent and Frankfurt's Dax 30-share index opened 8.06 points higher at 171.58, but the Zurich market was steady and Amsterdam's CBS All Share index was unchanged at 934. Sydney's All Ordinaries index rose 0.5 points to 1,559.6 while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index was up 2.98 points to close at 2,678.62.

Equity prices were dull in late London business, having shown little reaction to news of a much anticipated 1/2 point rise in UK bank base rates to 10 per cent.

The market opened lower on the back of news a US warship had shot down an Iranian airliner, prompting fears of a significantly depressive effect on Wall Street stock prices. Dealers



Figures on an exchange quotation board at the Bank of Tokyo being changed after the dollar rose to a morning high of 135.15. (Reuters wirephoto)

said the closure of the US market today, due to the Independence Day holiday, may limit any fall as the market will have had time to give a considered response to the action.

At 1515 GMT, the FTSE 100 share index was 10.8 off at 1,847.4. In Tokyo, increasing tension in the Gulf pushed the US dollar to a year's high of 135.20 yen early today but the currency fell back later due to profit-taking

and fears of Bank of Japan dollar sales, dealers said.

Trading was quiet because the New York markets were closed for the Independence Day holiday.

The dollar ended at 134.85 yen and 1,822.55 West German marks against 134.45 and 1,820.10 in New York on Friday. Its morning peak was its highest level against the yen since November 20 last year.

"The market bought US

dollars as a safe-haven currency but they had been in overbought dollar positions so they soon started selling dollars for profit-taking," said one dealer.

Some dealers said that while the news of the shooting down of an Iranian airliner by a US warship in the Gulf may temporarily help to boost the dollar, in the medium term it may be a negative factor because such an incident could damage the Reagan administration politically.

Traders expect gain to be short-lived

Iranian retaliation against US unlikely to raise oil prices

TOKYO, July 4, (Reuters): An action Iran might take against the United States in retaliation for the destruction of an Iran Air plane is unlikely to bolster crude oil prices in the current glutted market, oil experts said today.

"It was a bad incident but it's not going to stop the flow of oil from Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi," said one oil trader.

Iran accused the United States of a barbaric massacre in shooting down the airliner between Bandar Abbas and Dubai in the Gulf yesterday, killing all 290 passengers.

It has vowed revenge, rejecting a US explanation that the attack was an accident.

Oil prices jumped 20 cents a barrel to around \$12.70 a barrel for the Middle East benchmark Dubai crude through nervousness over increasing tension in the Gulf, lifting them off Friday's 19-month lows.

Most traders expected the gains to be short-lived.

"The question is how might the Iranians come back at the Americans?" an international oil trader asked.

"Their ability to strike hard in the Gulf is pretty small and bomb attacks on US embassies are not going to affect oil prices," he said.

"Iran has very few options to retaliate against the United States," said another oil trader. "And nobody is worried that they might try to close the Hormuz Strait ... it's technically impossible and economically impossible for Iran," he said.

Around seven million barrels of oil pass through the strait each day, Iran exports all its oil through the waterway.

Most oil traders agreed that possible Iranian retaliatory action against the US, or renewed efforts in its war against Iraq including bombing other Gulf states, could not bolster oil prices more than briefly in the current glutted market.

Crude oil prices plunged over a dollar last week to their lowest level since December 1986 on reports that the UAE had authorised Abu Dhabi to raise its oil output by around 200,000 barrels per day (BPD) in the over-supplied market.

Total oil output from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is estimated to be rising towards 19 million BPD, from 18.3 million in May and 18.02 million in April, oil industry sources said.

Demand for the oil organisation's oil is expected to be at least one million BPD lower than this in the third quarter of the year.

"People think any bullishness (due to Iran's threats against the United States) is temporary and look forward to selling if the price goes up," said a trader for a European oil company.

Meanwhile, Middle East Economic Survey reported today that the UAE has increased oil production, formally repudiating the quota allocated to it by the OPEC. The respected oil industry newsletter, published in Nicosia,

warned that the UAE decision "creates a grave risk of sparking over-quota output in other member countries of OPEC, where production discipline is already under severe strain."

The oil organisation set production quotas for its members to prevent prices from slipping because of overproduction.

The weekly oil review said that the UAE has raised its output from the OPEC quota of 948,000 barrels a day to what it described as an "official" quota of 1.5 million barrels a day.

MEES said that it was "authoritatively informed" that the UAE decision "is taken to be final and non-negotiable whatever future pressures may be forthcoming from OPEC members and elsewhere."

The review said that an agreement has been reached to split the 1.5 million barrels a day production on the basis of 1.1 million barrels a day for Abu Dhabi, the largest oil producer in the federation, and 400,000 barrels a day for Dubai.

Dubai's allocation runs fairly close to the emirate's maximum crude output capacity and to what it has actually been producing for the last couple of years, the newsletter said.

The review said it was not clear whether or not the Abu Dhabi authorities planned to push their equity holders and third-party customers to lift up to the level of the new production, "even though actual market demand may indicate a lower number."

Arab Economic Unity Council meets in Amman

AMMAN, July 4, (KUNA): Members of the Arab Economic Unity Council's committee for deputy representatives resumed sitting here under chairmanship of Kuwaiti chief delegate Mustafa Al-Shimali.

The committee discussed draft agenda of the EUC's 49th ordinary session scheduled to open here on Wednesday in addition to secretary-general's report and the general secretariat's memo on amending basic structures of the Arab Union of Sea Carriers, promoting inter-Arab trade and the council's financial status.

EUC sources said that deciding on resignation of secretary-general Hani Al Khasawna, who is currently Jordanian information minister, was postponed until convocation of the council in the presence of Arab finance and economy ministers.

Former Jordanian Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim is the sole candidate to replace Khasawna so far.

The sources noted that the difficult financial situation of the EUC's general secretariat will occupy major part of the exchanges since \$5.5 million are still not paid by members. They pointed out, meanwhile, that Kuwait has paid most of its share which amounts to 27 per cent of the budget.

The committee meeting was opened last night by a statement by assistant secretary-general Dr Hassan Gbaraiba affirming importance of joint Arab endeavor and supporting its institutions.

Panamanians gain more access to funds

PANAMA CITY, July 4, (AP): The government said Panamanians can begin withdrawing more funds from their checking accounts starting today in a further easing of banking restrictions imposed after a two-month shutdown last spring.

Customers will be able to withdraw 40 per cent of the funds in their accounts up to a maximum of 20,000 dollars, said a communication released yesterday by the National Banking Commission.

The government closed 67 of Panama's 117 banks on March 3 after a run on deposits provoked by the country's political crisis and US economic sanctions aimed at forcing the ouster of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Customers were permitted to withdraw 25 per cent of their funds, up to a maximum of \$10,000, after the banks reopened on May 9.

The run on deposits began on Feb 26, the day after Noriega, Panama's de facto ruler, deposed President Eric Arturo Delvalle shortly after Delvalle tried to fire the general.

A US freeze on \$50 million in Panamanian government deposits in the United States left the National Bank of Panama, the country's central bank, unable to cover large withdrawals.

The administration of US President Ronald Reagan also imposed other economic sanctions in a bid to force Noriega to resign as head of the defence forces and leave Panama.

Sales of luxury goods increase in Japan

Government bid to boost domestic spending

TOKYO, July 4, (AP): Burgeoning sales of luxury cars, European furniture and polished diamonds are signs that the once-frugal Japanese are eagerly embracing the government's bid to boost domestic spending.

Analysts say skyrocketing property values, easy credit, stable prices and the yen's rise against the US dollar and other currencies are spurring a fast-growing market for luxury goods — a turnaround from the three years of slumping consumption when the surging yen subdued the export-driven economy.

A recent Bank of Japan report called brisk personal buying a "key element" of Japan's current economic success. The government has cut income taxes and launched a 5-trillion-yen (\$40 billion) public spending programme, spurring housing starts. The central bank cut its

discount rate to a record low 2.5 per cent, and the Public Housing Loan Corp. trimmed more than a percentage point off its interest rate, currently 4.35 per cent.

"Selling well are expensive and luxurious durable goods such as large-size TV sets, refrigerators, furniture and dining ware imported from Europe," said Mitsubishi Hitoshi of the sales promotion division at Matsuyama Co., a major department store on Tokyo's bustling Ginza.

Growth

Consumer demand as measured by department store sales jumped 8.2 per cent in April from a year earlier, according to the Japan Department Stores Association. Total sales by 254 major department stores last year rose an average 4.7 per cent every month, the association said.

And the Gross National Product, which measures total

output of goods and services, grew at an annualised rate of 11.3 per cent in the first quarter of this year, figures from the economic planning agency show.

"People regard expensive, new products as a means of being somewhat different from others," said Takayuki Ikeda, manager of the consumer electronics product division at Mitsubishi Electric Co.

In 1985 the company began marketing its 37-inch (94 cm) colour television set, the industry equivalent of 35-inch American models, for 478,000 yen (\$3,825).

Bought

"At first we never thought a large-sized TV with a built-in picture tube would be accepted in Japanese homes, which some Europeans have ridiculed as 'rabbit butches'," Ikeda told the Associated Press. "But the opposite is true. People have

realised that the larger the TV screen, the more fun they can have, the more feeling of real ambience."

Japanese bought 9.6 million colour TV sets last year, 20 per cent of which measured 22 inches (56 cm) or larger, industry figures show, up 12 per cent from 1986. Automakers are riding a wave of Japanese seeking bigger, more expensive cars. Toyota Motor Co. in April sold 14,673 of its large-size, 4.6-million-yen (\$37,000), top-of-the-line Crown models — a 92.5 per cent jump from a year earlier.

In Japan, passenger cars with engine capacity of 2,000 or more cubic centimeters fall into the "large-size", luxury category.

"The domestic auto market as a whole has expanded following the government's policy" to boost domestic demand, said a Toyota official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

W. German government must fire up economy in some key sectors

Experts see something awry with economic powerhouse

BONN, July 4, (AP): On the surface, West Germany is booming.

Flashy Mercedes-Benz sedans whip along the autobahns and shoppers pack high-priced boutiques.

Travel agencies beckon West Germans to exotic vacation spots, and a new yuppie generation packs trendy bars after work.

Yet, private economists looking below the surface and into the future fear something might be awry.

Weak

They see weak spots in the "Wirtschaftswunder" — the economic miracle that mushroomed from wartime ruins with the proclamation of West Germany as a separate nation 39 years ago.

Specifically, these non-government economists see complacency and sluggishness setting in between the lines of statistics that continue to show economic strength.

They believe the government must fire up the economy in some key sectors, promote more investment by West German business and take other measures to ensure that good times last.

The United States thinks so too, but for one slightly different reason: West Germans should buy more US and other foreign goods to reduce its trade surplus of 117.5 billion marks (around \$70 billion).

Future

"Everyone is trying to keep what he has, even if it means rejecting measures that would bring good opportunities in the future," complains Guenter Grosser, a specialist in world economies at the respected HWWA Institute for Economic Research in Hamburg.

"We seem to lack the will to take daring steps," he said in an interview.

He and other private economists are pressing for the dismantling of obstacles that they maintain are stalling economic growth. They say these barriers include massive government subsidies for ailing industries like steel, a law that strictly limits

stores' business hours, and a trend toward shorter working hours with full pay.

US officials also express concern about West Germany's slow growth but more specifically they assail the huge trade surplus, which means West Germans sell more abroad than they buy.

In a report last month in Washington, the joint economic committee of Congress called on West Germany to assume "responsibility in the world economy consistent with the importance of the Federal Republic (West Germany) in the world economy."

But the West German government shows no sign that it is ready to act as the critics suggest, fearful that a revived economy might touch off inflation.

Pervaded

A deep-running fear of inflation has pervaded Germany since the devastation of the inflationary early 1920s, when a pound of butter could cost 100,000 marks in the morning and 500,000 in the afternoon.

The German mark became worthless at the time as the government printed more bills in a futile effort to deal with post-World War I economic problems.

In contrast, West Germany's inflation rate for 1987 was a mere 0.2 per cent.

Private West German economists say the most important problem stemming from slow economic growth is the country's high unemployment rate.

The rate last year averaged 8.9 per cent, or about 2.23 million people, compared with 6.1 per cent in the United States.

During the country's economic booms of the 1960s and 1970s.

This past October in Bremerhaven, an unemployment-plagued port, voters elected a right-wing radical to the Bremen state legislature.

But Interior Ministry officials strongly reject any suggestion that high unemployment could lead to a widespread rise of extreme right-wing sentiment, as in the years before Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

"In the 1960s, when the economy was booming, there was much more right extremist activity here than there is today," said Interior Ministry spokesman Michael-Andreas Butz.

Government officials also point out that the estimated 25,300 known right-wing extremists are a very small percentage of the country's population.

Meanwhile, economic experts are predicting the country's economy will actually slow down

from an expected 2 per cent growth rate this year to 1.25 per cent in 1989, despite a 4.2 per cent growth performance in the first quarter of this year.

West Germany's economy grew by about 1.6 per cent a year between 1982 and 1987, compared to 3.5 per cent in Japan over the same period and 2.6 per cent in the United States.

Among the more frequently mentioned obstacles to improved economic growth are laws curtailing store business hours, quotas on licences for new businesses and severe restrictions on worker layoffs.

"These laws are great for people already set up with jobs or businesses, but they make entry for newcomers very difficult," said Juergen Donges, vice-president of the prestigious Institute for World Economic Research in Kiel.

Proposals to change such regulations face intense opposition from private-interest groups

and labour unions.

For example, about 7,000 protesters hit the streets in Bonn in May to protest government proposals that would extend the hours stores could stay open.

Stores must close by 6:30 pm on weekdays and by 2 pm on Saturdays. However, they can remain open all afternoon on one Saturday a month.

At the same time, workers and labour unions are pressuring to have their work weeks shortened, without pay cuts.

The country's biggest trade unions have declared a 35-hour work week as their goal. The metalworking, automobile and printing industries are already down to 38.5 hours, with contracts to reduce it to 37 hours in the 1990s.

The critics say fewer working hours mean less production.

Government officials, however, insist that measures will be taken to ensure healthy economic growth.

Alaskan offshore oil potential high

LOS ANGELES, July 4, (Reuters): Alaska already produces a quarter of US oil output and the message now is that there might be a lot more waiting to be found there.

Oil companies bid strongly recently when new drilling leases were offered in the Chukchi sea, a remote, ice-choked area between northwest Alaska and Soviet territorial waters that perhaps contain one of the world's largest petroleum finds.

Significant

"We believe the area has significant hydrocarbon potential and could add substantially to the nation's oil reserves," said Bill Gibson, a spokesman for Royal Dutch/Shell group's US Shell Oil Co.

"If there is oil there, it could be a substantial amount — a billion barrels or more," Alan Powers, regional director of the US Interior Department's Minerals Management Service, told Reuters.

Between one billion to 4.9 billion barrels of oil may eventually be found under the Chukchi sea, the Minerals Management Service estimates.

"We think there's one chance out of five that there'll be an economic discovery of some magnitude made," Powers said.

But he added: "Only drilling will tell us."

It's probably one of the most hostile regions you could explore for oil," said Susan Andrews, a spokeswoman for Atlantic Richfield's Arco Alaska unit.

Despite harsh weather and the high cost of exploring in the arctic, the hope of major finds brought on unexpectedly strong response for a sale of Chukchi sea drilling leases held on May 25 by the US Interior Department.

Interest

"There's a lot of interest because people see it as a very prospective area that hasn't been explored," Andrews said.

Analysts said that, while oil exploration in Alaska and the

rest of the United States was hard hit by the collapse in oil prices in 1986, there are signs of recovery.

"This year we're going to see capital spending and drilling budgets up anywhere from 30 to 25 per cent for most of the major companies," said Philip Kehl, an analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

"That's a reflection of the lower cost of drilling today, and, I think, expectation of better prices down the road," Kehl said.

The Chukchi sea sale drew a record number of bids for any federal offshore lease outside the gulf of Mexico, powers of the Minerals Management Service reported, with a total of 653 bids worth \$666.2 million being made.

Shell Western Exploration and Production, for instance, with partners Du Pont Co's Conoco Inc and French-owned Societe Nationale Elf Aquitaine, combined to bid more than \$300 million for offshore tracts.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

THE tenders summarised below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of Government Ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against payment of non-refundable fees as shown therein. Unless otherwise stipulated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. PT/722/88/89
Tender's internal No. 987/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Education
Requirements: Supply of precast concrete slabs for school buildings.
Relevant fee: KD20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 17.7.88

Tender No. D 2783
Tender's internal No. 990/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Education
Requirements: Supply of precast concrete slabs for school buildings.
Relevant fee: KD20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 16.8.88

This tender is open for local factories only.

Tender No. S 2784
Tender's internal No. 989/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Supply of flanges.
Relevant fee: KD20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 23.8.88

Tender No. MEW/22/4/185-87/88
Tender's internal No. 982/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Electricity & Water
Requirements: Erection & removal of medium voltage overhead lines in southern area including Al-Wafra.
Relevant fee: KD20/-
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 2.8.88

This tender is open for competent contractors.

A pre-tender meeting shall be held on Wednesday 20.7.88 at 10:00 am in the Maintenance Dept. of General Director's Office, Roads Engineering — M.P.W. to discuss the tender conditions.

Tender No. M/1988/21
Tender's internal No. 994/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Insect Control Services.
Relevant fee: KD20/-
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 7.8.88

This tender is open for competent contractors.

A pre-tender meeting shall be held on Wednesday 20.7.88 at 10:00 am in the Maintenance Dept. of General Director's Office, Roads Engineering — M.P.W. to discuss the tender conditions.

Tender No. M/1988/32
Tender's internal No. 991/88
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company
Requirements: Execution & completion of several works in utilities of Desalination laboratory.

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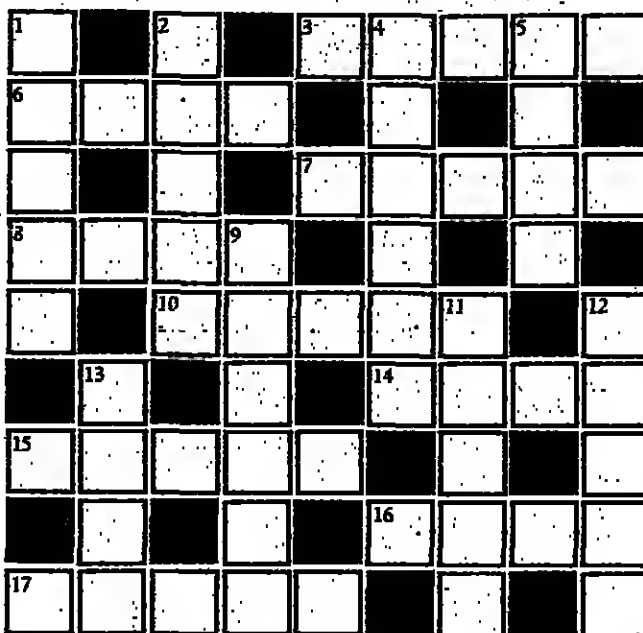
It has now been a month since I started on the Junior Times and I have enjoyed putting the page together very much. I do hope that you are happy with the stories, puzzles, information and other items that appear on the page, but, of course, I cannot really know how you feel about it if you do not tell me!

In my very first letter, you may remember that I suggested that if you had any ideas for new things you would like to see, I would be pleased to hear from you. Since then, I cannot really say that my postbag has been bursting at the seams! Where are all these brilliant ideas? Where are your poems, jokes, pictures, stories?

It is not that I cannot find enough to fill the page — I have plenty of material — but I believe that it would make the page much more yours if we could see the things you have written, drawn or thought up. In this long, long holiday, stuck indoors because of the often unpleasant weather, you have bags of time to come up with something. I am sure! So, get thinking, drawing and writing... because I am waiting!

Auntie Jayne

Crossword

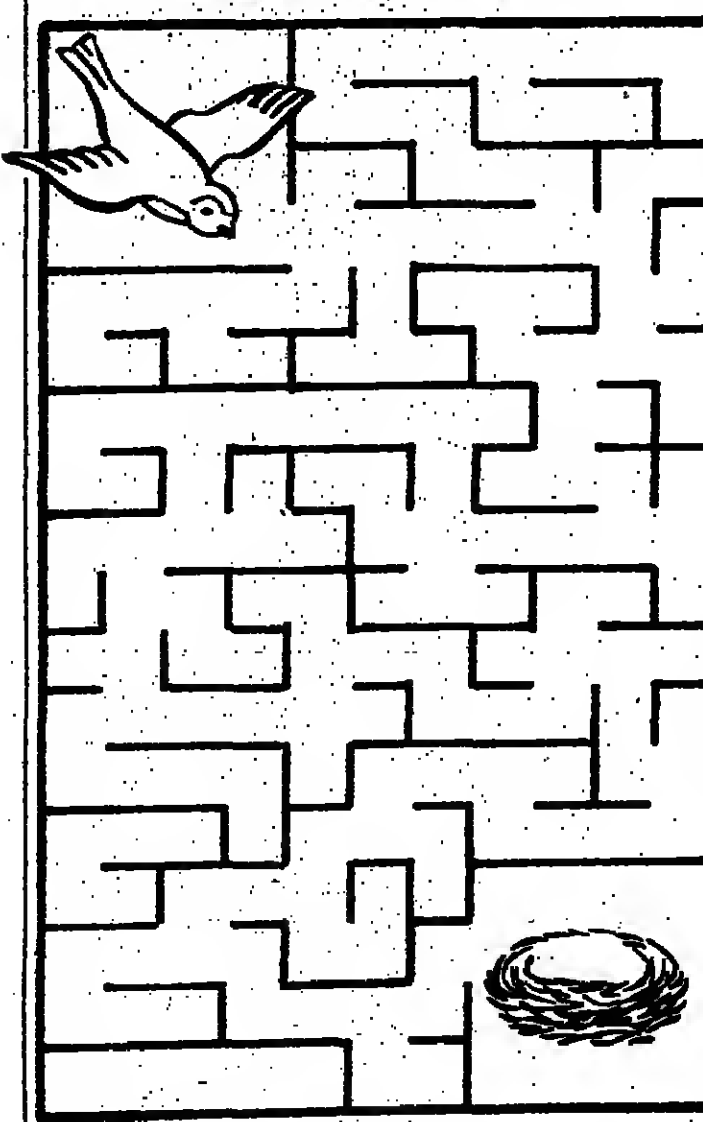


- | Across | Down |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 3 Small child full of mischief. | 1 The planet on which we live. |
| 6 Carry out an order. | 2 Only slightly warm. |
| 7 One of the land areas of the USA. | 4 Person who shapes the cloth for a suit. |
| 8 Deposited in a nest, perhaps. | 5 An officer in the Merchant Navy. |
| 10 Worker who goes underwater. | 9 Small depression as seen in some people's chins. |
| 14 Another name for a chess 'castle'. | 11 'Jolly' — the pirates' flag. |
| 15 Incline up or down. | 12 Cleverness at doing a certain task. |
| 16 It often hangs in a church steeple. | |

Solution on Thursday

Solution to 'Triangle tangle': 19 triangles.

HELP THE BIRD FIND ITS NEST



HERCULES was the son of Jupiter, king of the gods. Juno, queen of goddesses, had children of her own, and she hated Hercules, from the moment of his birth, because Jupiter loved him more than he loved her children.

When he was eight months old she had two snakes put near him, to kill him. Hercules, however, strong as a man even in his babyhood, strangled the monsters before they could harm him. Juno then tried, as he grew up, to injure him in other ways. At last she brought upon him an illness that made him mad for a time, and when he was not in his right mind he offended the gods by some evil act.

But as soon as his senses returned to him the thought of what he had done filled him with deep sorrow.

'What can I do,' he cried in his great distress, 'to wash away the stain of this sin?'

Then a voice from heaven said to him: 'For twelve years you must obey the commands of a king named Eurystheus.'

'You will have to do for him twelve very difficult and dangerous labours. When you have faithfully and patiently obeyed him you will be honoured among men, and rewarded at the end of your life with a place in heaven among the gods.'

On the very day that Hercules started on his journey in life along Virtue's pathway, a messenger came to order him to appear before Eurystheus. Hercules went boldly to the palace, and said he was ready to do all that was

The twelve labours of Hercules

required of him. The crafty king received him with honour, and spoke kindly words to the young hero. But he had made up his mind to give Hercules such difficult tasks to do that he would either be killed in the attempt, or be laughed at by gods and men for failing.

The first of the twelve labours of Hercules was to kill the lion of Nemea that was ravaging a district in the east of Greece. Many an attempt had been made, but without success, to destroy this monster, for fear of which even armed men did not dare at night-time to wander away from their homes.

As soon as Hercules knew in what part the lion was last seen, he boldly went forth to do his duty. In a rocky valley he spied the creature. As he approached with his bow ready strung and an arrow fitted in its place, the animal lashed its tail to and fro in fury, while its roaring shook the ground and echoed among the mountain peaks.

Before the lion had time to spring, Hercules shot an arrow at it, and then, unfastening the club which hung at his side, advanced boldly. Roaring with pain from the wound of the arrow, the creature glared fiercely at him for a few moments, and then bounded away in the direction of its cave in the mountain side.

Hercules went after the lion in swift pursuit, and when he saw it enter the cave he followed. With un-

light to guide him, except the glare of two bright eyes shining like stars in the darkness, the hero rushed forward. Seizing the lion by the throat with one hand, with a few swift, powerful blows from the club he soon killed it. Thus did he bring the first of his labours to a successful issue.

He placed the dead lion across his shoulders, and, amidst the joyous shouts of the citizens, walked boldly to the royal court and threw the huge body in triumph at the feet of the king. Eurystheus was amazed at this sign of the strength and courage of Hercules. He felt so much dread at the sight of one who could do so mighty a deed, that he gave orders for the hero never to be admitted again within the city gates. All directions for the future labours would be given him outside the walls. Further than

this, the faint-hearted king made a house of brass, in which he could shut himself safely whenever Hercules drew near to the city.

The second labour of Hercules was to destroy the seven-headed Hydra. He first attacked it with arrows, but as these glanced off the monster's hide without causing a wound, he threw aside his bow and unsling his club. At each of his heavy, swinging blows he knocked off one of the Hydra's heads.

To his dismay, as soon as one head was destroyed, two others at once sprang up in its place. The more he wounded it the fiercer and stronger it grew. Then he called upon a friend who stood watching the combat to make an iron red hot, and, as each head was crushed, to burn the root at the neck. This plan succeeded, and Hercules was hailed joyfully as victor by the people whom he had

delivered from the deadly monster.

The third labour of Hercules was to capture alive a stag famous for its swiftness, its golden horns, and its feet of brass. For a whole year he followed it through the valleys, over the mountains, and across the rivers, hoping to make the animal lame by wounding it with an arrow. But he could never get within bowshot, and at last had to set a trap and wait patiently until the stag got entangled in it.

Hercules was now hidden to capture and carry away alive a wild boar which was causing great loss to life and property. The chase lasted for several hours, and was only ended when the creature tumbled into a snow-filled hollow and was caught in a noose of strong rope which Hercules threw over its head. King Eurystheus was so terrified when he saw the hero approaching the royal city with the struggling, grunting boar on his back, that he shut himself up in his house of brass,

and hid there for many days.

For the fifth task Hercules was ordered to make pure and sweet the stables of King Augeas, where three thousand oxen had lived for thirty-nine years without the place being once cleaned. It seemed impossible that the work could be done by one man. But Hercules, who was clever as well as strong, spent several months in cutting a new channel for the stream which flowed near to the stables. He changed the course of the river, so that it flowed as a rushing torrent right through the stables, carrying away to the sea the mountain-like heaps of refuse.

But when Hercules asked for the three hundred oxen which had been promised him if he did the work, the king refused to keep his word. He said that the stables had been cleansed by the river and not by Hercules.

The sixth and seventh labours were the killing of some terrible birds which fed on human flesh, and the capture of a wild bull which had gored to death many people in one of the islands of Greece. Then Hercules prepared for his eighth task. This was to seize the horses of a tyrant king named Diomedes, who for years had been a terror both to his own people and to strangers. Any visitor to the country was made prisoner, and thrown to be devoured by the king's horses, which fed on human flesh; and if one of his subjects chanced to offend him, the same horrible fate was his.

(Continued on Thursday)



When the first mammals appeared

The appearance of the first mammals on the Earth went almost unnoticed, at the time when the dinosaurs were at their peak.

Strange new animals, small but very active and much more intelligent than the dinosaurs, gradually came to live in the forests and glades. Unlike the reptiles, they were warm-blooded and therefore not affected by climatic changes. Continually circulating through their bodies, their blood kept their body temperature at a constant heat. This suddenly proved to be extremely important because it allowed the new creatures to cope with seasonal changes in climate without being affected by them too much.

These changes became more and more noticeable towards the end of the Era and eventually made the great dinosaurs disappear. Another feature of the new animals was a more highly developed maternal instinct, which led them to look after their young, while the dinosaurs could not care less, once they had laid their eggs. The young of the warm-blooded animals were born alive and nursed by their mothers until they were ready to eat other food. In fact, they are called mammals because they have the mammae, or milk glands, with which they feed their young.

When the giant mammals were alive At the same time as the dinosaurs disappeared, about 75 million years ago, the mammals made a great advance. Numerous branches developed from the primitive stock of mostly

When life began

small rodents and became carnivores or herbivores. The herbivores, or grass-eaters, quickly multiplied and in 10 million years had greatly increased in size and were much bigger than the modern sheep.

When the first mammoth was discovered The mammoth is not a true forerunner of the present-day elephant. Both derive from the same older ancestor.

The mammoth lived in the Quaternary Era and was therefore a contemporary of the first men. Complete examples of this animal, which disappeared tens of thousands of years ago, have been found, perfectly preserved, in the frozen ground of Siberia.

The first discovery of a frozen mammoth was made in Berezovka, in Siberia, in 1899. This was one of the most complete mammoth carcasses ever discovered. Perhaps it had fallen into a deep crevasse in the ice, because its right

foreleg and the bottom of its back were broken.

As it fell, the mammoth triggered off an avalanche of snow which covered it, wedging it in a grip of ice. For many centuries it stayed buried there like that, until the ice melted. Its body then began to decompose and the foul smell attracted the attention of some passing fur-trappers' dogs.

When the first experts arrived they found that the hair, the skin and even the blood of the mammoth had been perfectly preserved.

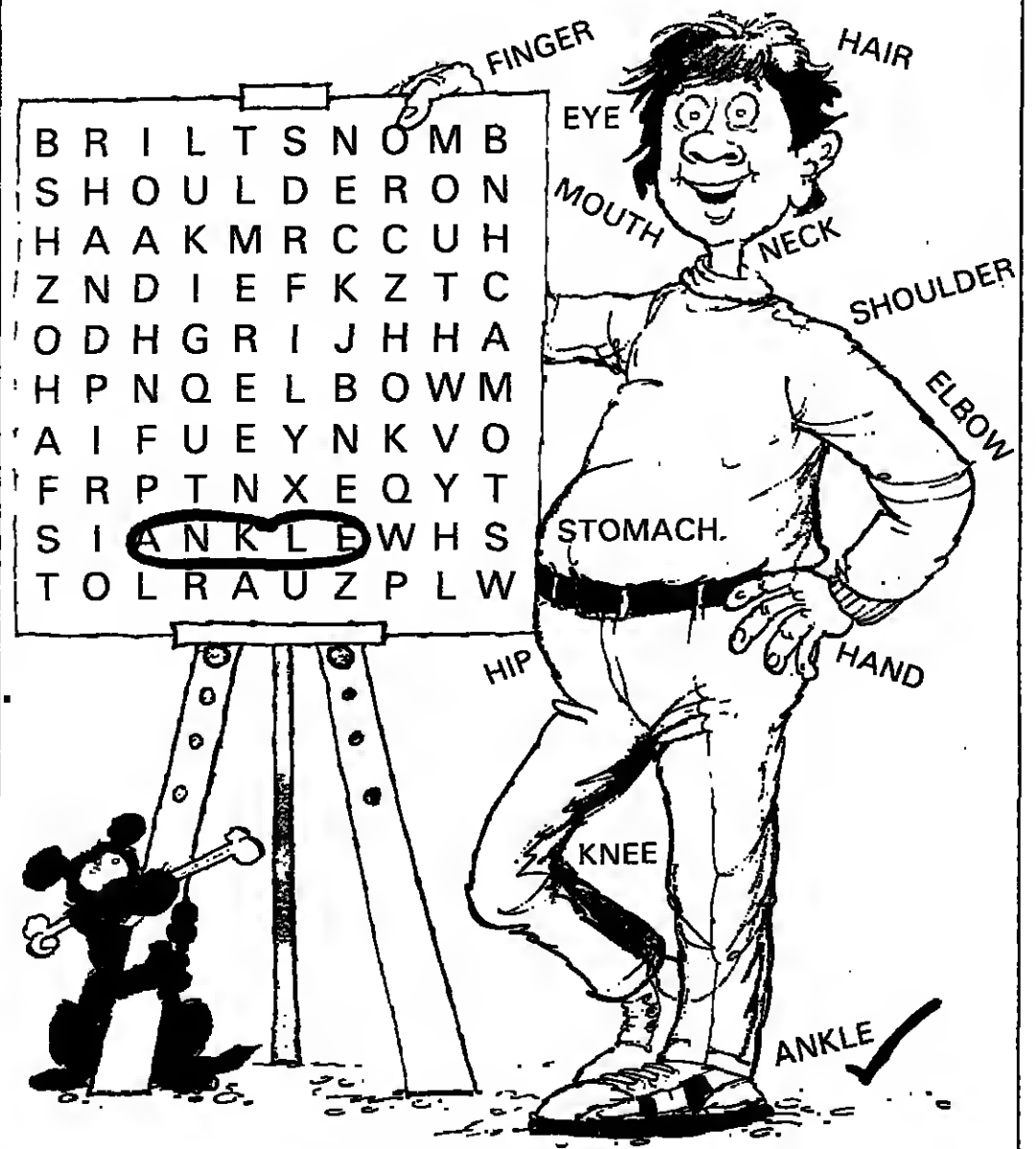
Since then, many other bodies of mammoths have been discovered intact in the ice. These discoveries have told us all about the great proboscids with their huge curving tusks which lived in the Great Ice Age but which were very different from the modern African and Indian elephants.

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SPORTS

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BASEBALL
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Montreal outclass Atlanta

NEW YORK, July 4, (AP): Montreal's John Dopson came up one out short of his first Major League shutout — and a place in the record books.

The Montreal right-hander lost what would have been a history-making 14-hit shutout yesterday on Dion James' two-out, two-run single in the top of the ninth. Andy McGaffigan relieved and struck out Dale Murphy to end the game as the Expos beat Atlanta Braves 9-2.

"It's a shame that I couldn't finish the game but I just ran out of gas," Dopson said. "I started feeling tired in the seventh, but I thought I had enough to get myself through."

The Expos did everything possible to help Dopson. They turned three double plays, and prevented a run in the bottom of the ninth when right fielder Mitch Webster made a running over-the-shoulder catch on a drive by Ron Gant.

Dopson, 2-5, walked one and struck out three as he won for the first time since May 18.

Meta 6, Astros 0

Sid Fernandez had little trouble with the Astros, allowing only two hits and striking out 12 to hand Nolan Ryan his fifth straight loss. Nolan Ryan, 5-7, failed for the seventh time in a bid to record his 100th victory with Houston.

Reds 3, Phillies 2

Danny Jackson pitched a three-hitter to beat Philadelphia for the third time this season and Eric Davis doubled in the go-ahead run for Cincinnati. The Reds went ahead in the fourth against Kevin Gross, 8-4, when Paul O'Neill led off with his eighth homer.

Cubs 2, Dodgers 1

Chicago's Rick Sutcliffe combined with two relievers on a seven-hitter and Mark Grace drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning. Pat Perry came in with one out and a runner on first in the eighth and retired the side. Les Lancaster retired the final batter of the game and earned his fourth save.

Giants 4, Pirates 0

Kelly Downs pitched a three-hitter for his third shutout of the season and Kevin Mitchell drove in three runs for San Francisco. Brett Butler led off the first with a walk against Duncum, 5-7, and later scored on Mitchell's sacrifice fly.

Cardinals 5, Padres 4

Tom Brunansky hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning as St. Louis won for only the sixth time in 22 games. Todd Worrell, 4-4, got the victory despite allowing a two-run homer to Garry Templeton in the bottom of the eighth.

White Sox 4, Yankees 3

After New York took a 3-2 lead in the top of the 10th on Dave Winfield's RBI single, Harold Baines opened the Chicago half of the inning with a walk. Bobby Thigpen relieved to start the eighth and the Yankees tied the score of Rickey Henderson's double and singles by Don Mattingly, Jack Clark and Winfield.

Athletics 9, Blue Jays 8

Jose Canseco, whose 23 homers lead the Majors, hit a two-run shot in the first inning and a solo homer in the sixth off Toronto starter Todd Stottlemyre. Todd Burns, Oakland's sixth pitcher, allowed two hits in 4-2-3 innings for his first Major League victory.

Results

American League			
Seattle	7	Cleveland	6
California	10	Detroit	4
Milwaukee	4	Minnesota	3
Oakland	9	Toronto	8
Chicago	4	New York	3
Kansas City	3	Boston	2
Texas	13	Baltimore	1

Standings

National League East			
New York	52	29	642
Pittsburgh	44	36	550
Chicago	43	36	544
Montreal	39	41	488
St. Louis	38	42	475
Philadelphia	35	43	449

National League West

Los Angeles	45	33	577
San Francisco	41	38	519
Houston	41	40	506
Cincinnati	37	43	463
San Diego	36	46	439
Atlanta	27	51	346

American League West

Detroit	48	30	615
New York	46	33	582
Cleveland	42	38	525
Boston	39	37	513
Milwaukee	39	41	488
Toronto	39	43	476
Baltimore	24	56	300

American League East

Oakland	51	28	638
Minnesota	43	37	538
Kansas City	38	41	481
Chicago	36	43	456
California	35	45	438
Seattle	32	49	395

MOROCCO LOSES BID BY THREE VOTES

US to host 1994 World Cup finals

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 4, (Reuters): The United States today won the right to host the 1994 World Cup finals, taking the tournament away from the traditional soccer centres of Europe and South America for the first time.

The executive committee of the International Football Federation (FIFA) voted to accept the US bid over two other candidates, Morocco and Brazil.

The United States won 10 votes, Morocco seven and Brazil two, FIFA's senior vice-president Harry Cavan announced.

Cavan, of northern Ireland, chaired the committee meeting. FIFA's Brazilian president Joao Havelange had earlier made clear he would neither vote nor chair the meeting.

Held Since its inauguration in 1930, the four-yearly World Cup has always been held in either Europe, South or Central America. The 1986 Cup took place in Mexico and the 1990 finals will be held in Italy.

A second Brazilian on the 21-strong executive committee, Abilio de Almeida, also did not vote, officials said. Neither the United States nor Morocco is represented on the decision-making body.

The vote in favour of the US bid had been widely expected. All sides acknowledged the Americans had a strong case in terms of the massive infrastructure and economic strength needed to stage a 24-nation, month-long tournament involving anything up to 18 stadiums or cities.

Even before the decision was announced the president of the



Fricker (left) holds a replica of the World Cup trophy with Havelange after the decision. (Reuters wirephoto)

Brazilian Soccer Federation, Octavio Pinto Guimarães, said the die was cast.

"We no longer have any interest in the outcome. The Brazilian government has not given us the necessary financial support, so we have no chance," he said.

Driss Bamou, president of the Moroccan Soccer Federation, said the vote had its positive aspects for his and other countries.

Morocco's was the first bid ever made by an African nation to stage the World Cup.

"You are always disappointed when you don't win, but I was among the first to congratulate the Americans," he said.

"But we have opened the door for all of Asia and Africa," Bamou added. "It is an encouragement for the Third World."

US Soccer Federation

president Werner Fricker said he was pleased 15 months of hard work, lobbying and preparing the bid had paid off. "It is a tremendous feeling of relief that it is all over," Fricker said.

He rejected suggestions that FIFA's decision was made on business rather than sporting grounds and countered criticisms that the United States did not have the expertise in soccer necessary to host a World Cup finals series.

"We do not rule out the possibility that we will co-opt people with experience in world soccer for our World Cup," Yugoslav-born Fricker said.

But the commercial advantages of having the tournament in the United States were clear to FIFA's marketing agents ISL, who negotiate multi-million dollar sponsorship packages with large companies that bring FIFA a large slice of its income and profits.

ISL president Klaus Hempel said. "The missing link (in the commercial exploitation of soccer) was the US."

Progress

The American presentation to FIFA put forward 18 stadiums as possible World Cup sites, including the Pasadena Rose Bowl where the first 100,000 crowds ever in the United States for soccer were recorded during the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

The success of the Olympic tournament, where soccer was the best attended spectator sport of the whole games, played a large role in persuading FIFA that the United States, where soccer is not a principal sport, was ready to organise a championship such as the World Cup.

Fricker said after hearing the decision, "The US is rich in soccer tradition, sorry, football tradition. Football has been played in the US for over 100 years and our federation is over 75 years old."

The sport is called football all over the world, except in the US where it has always been called soccer in deference to American football.

Fricker added, "we are not a major power like Italy or Brazil, but we are developing."

"We have a youth programme which has really mushroomed and our junior national team has made just unbelievable progress. We have about 10-12 million players in the US."

Havelange said afterwards that Brazil and Morocco's bids were both fully considered. But Brazil was beset by economic and financial hardship and that Morocco would be considered favourably if it bid again for the right to hold the 1998 World Cup.

Qualify

The US national team caused one of the biggest shocks in World Soccer Cup history in 1950 when it beat a mighty England team 1-0 in Brazil.

It also reached the semifinals of the first World Cup competition in Uruguay in 1930, but it has failed to qualify for the finals for 38 years, and only meets occasional moderate success against other minnows like Luxembourg, Iceland and Malta.

US teams qualified for the finals of the latest under-16 championship and the current World Youth Championship, as well as this year's Olympic tournament in Seoul.

Nothing

"This is just starting to sink in a little bit. I had plans to play in Europe this summer, so I had nothing to lose. I wanted to stay within myself and just go for it."

Beneppe said he planned to try his hand at qualifying for the British Open.

American Peter Jacobsen, the second and third-round leader, scored to a 75 to finish alone in second at 279.

Japanese Isao Aoki and American Brad Faxon both posted 69s to finish joint third on 280.

Member

According to recent newspaper reports, United were keen to sign the 25-year-old Koeman, a key member of the Dutch side which won the European Championship last month.

A figure of £2 million (£3.35 million) had been mentioned. "As far as I am concerned this rumour is totally wrong," Rits said. "I would normally be contacted in such a situation and I haven't been."

Bicentennial Cup

SYDNEY, Australia, July 4, (AP): Calgary Winter Olympic Games gold medalist Hubert Strolz of Austria heads the entry list for the Bicentennial Cup ski series at Thredbo next month, organisers announced yesterday.

Strolz, winner of the Combined Alpine skiing gold medal in Calgary, will lead a strong Austrian team in the event, which is scheduled for August 27-28.



Manuel Ruiz 'Manili' was gored in the chin by this 498-kilogram bull during a bullfight at the Las Ventas bullring, in Madrid, yesterday. Manili was later treated in the bullfight infirmary for cuts and scratches, but was not seriously hurt in the scrap. (Reuters wirephoto)

Benepe scores victory in Western tournament

OAK HILL, Ill., July 4, (Reuters): Jim Benepe, a local favourite playing in his first PGA Tour event, made the most of a free pass into the Western Open golf tournament by winning the title by one stroke yesterday.

The 24-year-old Benepe, who began the final 18 holes four shots off the pace, fired a two-under 70 for a 72-hole total of 278 that brought him a \$162,000 first-prize check.

"I'm overwhelmed," said Benepe, a graduate of nearby Northwestern University who received a sponsor's exemption four days before the start of the tournament.

On 18, Benepe missed a five-foot par putt to fall to 10-under. After his tee-shot on 18, Jacobsen hit his second shot into the water on the right of the green. He took a drop, then chipped out to within 25 feet of the cup. His putt slid by and he carded a double bogey as Benepe won by a stroke.

The win for Benepe, who has played in Australia and Asia and led the Canadian PGA money list last year with \$51,000, means he is now automatically qualified on the Tour through 1990.

For Jacobsen, his four-year victory drought continues. His last title came in the 1984 Greater Hartford Open.

"On 18, I just misclubbed," Jacobsen said. "I saw Jim (Benepe) miss his putt and I knew I could win with par. I tried to hit my ball to the right of the hole with a six iron. I thought it was right, but it wasn't. When I saw where it went I knew it was an automatic six."

Little takes Vancouver title

COQUITLAM, B.C., July 4, (Reuters): Sally Little holed a 25-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole to win the \$500,000 Vancouver Classic golf tournament by one stroke yesterday over Laura Davies of Britain.

Little ended a six-year victory drought on the women's professional golf tour by winning the tournament and the \$75,000 top prize. The 36-year-old native South African shot a final round of one-under-par 71 for a 279 total.

Davies, who won the US Open last year, closed with a two-under-par 70 for 280. Third place went to American Sherri Turner who closed with an even-par 72 for 282.

Little, who held a three-shot lead at the turn, survived a shaky start on the back nine which saw her bogey twice to fall into a tie with the charging Davies at the 15th. They were still tied going into the last hole.

"I felt a little rattled coming in. I felt as if things were slipping a little away from me. I thought it was a bit of a shock, but I was happy to win," said Little, who led by two shots after three rounds.

The victor, who became an American citizen in 1982, said a confidence-boosting, six-foot putt for par on 17 set her up for the decisive 18th.

Entering

The Seoul Olympics are scheduled from Sept 17 to Oct 2. Cuba, the 1987 Pan American Games baseball champion, is among six countries not entering the Olympics in Seoul. The Cubans are backing communist North Korea, which refuses to enter the Games unless it is made a co-host. Also staying away are Nicaragua, Ethiopia, Albania and the Seychelles.

In the 1984 Olympics, where baseball also was a demonstration sport, Japan beat the United States in the final. Baseball also was an Olympic demonstration sport in 1904, 1936, 1956 and 1964.

Top Moroccan to run in 1,500 metres event

Aouita to make 1988 Grand Prix debut



Aouita: makes first appearance of 1988 GP season

STOCKHOLM, July 4, (Reuters): Said Aouita, the gifted enigma of the international athletics circuit, makes his first appearance of the 1988 Grand Prix season tomorrow when he runs over 1,500 metres at the Stockholm Grand Prix.

The talented Aouita is Olympic and world champion over 5,000 metres and world record holder in the 5,000 and 1,500.

Yet, no other athlete surrounds himself with quite the same aura of mystery as the slight Moroccan.

Aouita was scheduled to run in the Helsinki Grand Prix last Thursday but withdrew, citing dissatisfaction with his form.

He did not appear in Oslo's Bislett Games on Saturday either and organisers here were delighted to learn that he wanted to run in the 5,000 metres.

Clash

Aouita's decision set up the mouth-watering prospect of a clash with top Italian distance runners Alberto Cova, Stefano Mei and Francesco Panetta.

However, today the organisers announced that Aouita had switched to the 1,500.

No reason was given and it quickly became clear that the Moroccan would not be available to shed any light on the switch.

The organisers had originally hoped Aouita would be present at a news conference scheduled for this afternoon, but they learned that he did not plan to arrive until this evening.

Whatever event Aouita eventually runs, and no-one can be absolutely certain until he actually arrives in Stockholm, he is certain to give full value for the price of an admission ticket.

At times over the past three years, it has seemed that every time Aouita runs he has attempted a world record at a variety of distances no other runner could begin to encompass.

He appears to have little opposition tomorrow apart from seasoned American Sydney Maree, who along with Aouita and Britons Steve Cram and Sebastian Coe is one of the only four men to have broken three minutes 30 seconds for the 1,500.

Even in Aouita's absence, the men's 5,000 looks the event of the evening.

Cova the 1983 world and 1984 Olympic champion will take on Mei, the man who took his European title in Stuttgart two years ago, and world silver medalist and 3,000 metres steeplechase champion Panetta.

Sweden's world high jump champion Patrik Sjöberg returns to the arena where he broke the world record last year. His opposition includes West Germany's Olympic champion Dietmar Moegenburg and world indoor record holder Carlo Thraenhart.

In the women's events, East German world silver medalist Heike Drechsler runs over 100 metres in a field which includes world and European indoor 60 metres champion Nellie Cooman of the Netherlands.

Outstanding Prost set to fulfil Stewart's prediction

LE CASTELLET, France, July 4, (Agencies): Alain Prost, who won his 32nd Grand Prix in thrilling style in front of his own French fans at the Paul Ricard circuit yesterday, is now set to fulfil Jackie Stewart's prediction and become the first Formula One driver to win 40 Grands Prix.

Stewart, the Briton whose record 27 wins was surpassed by Prost at last year's Portuguese Grand Prix, said that Prost was capable of going on to break the 40 mark.

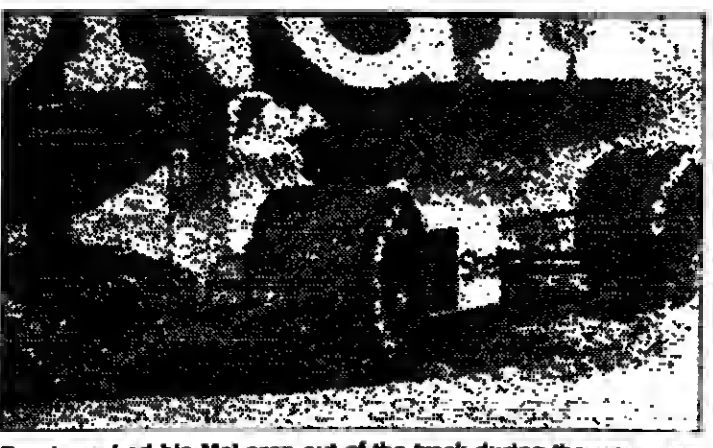
Drive

His remark raised many eyebrows at the time but Prost's mastery drive and victory over his McLaren teammate Brazilian Ayrton Senna yesterday confirmed the Frenchman as the outstanding driver of his generation with the potential for many more wins.

To the adulation of his home supporters, Prost confirmed he was intent on winning as many of the remaining nine races this year as possible to clinch his third world title. "From now on we are back on the fast circuits in Europe and I am happy about that," said Prost.

"I am looking forward to Silverstone for example, which is a very fast circuit and I am sure the spectators there will see another exciting race between Ayrton and myself."

If next Sunday's British Grand



Prost crashed his McLaren out of the track during the warm up before the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

Prix at Silverstone matches the excitement Prost and Senna produced here, the all-conquering Honda turbo-powered McLaren duo could keep the season alive on their own as they battle for the drivers' title.

For, while they are out in front on their own in the championship — Prost enjoying a 15-point lead — their chief rivals are in disarray.

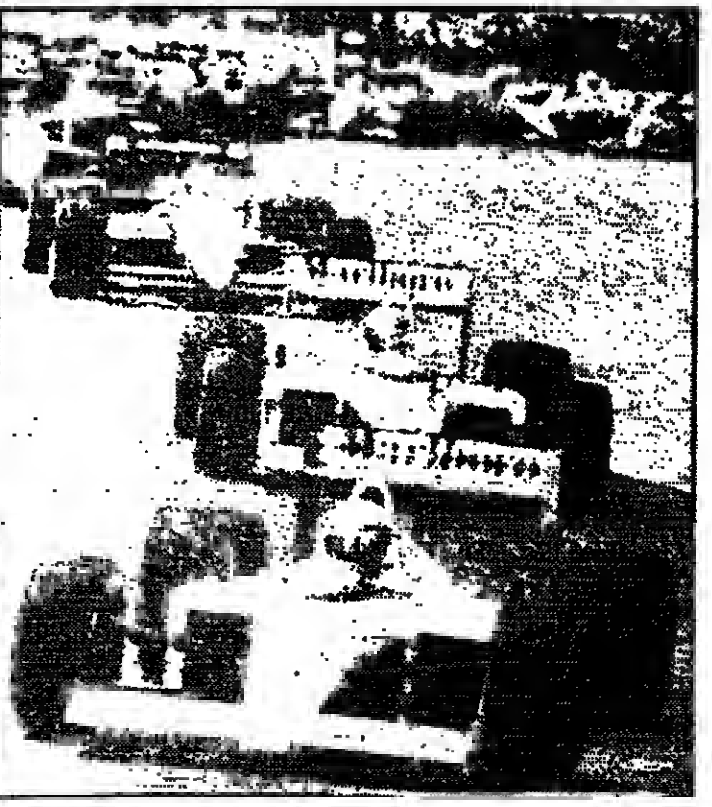
Ferrari, having parted company with designer Harvey Postlethwaite who joins Tyrrell next month, may announce on Thursday the introduction of the long-awaited V12 normally-aspirated engine, ahead of next year's deadline for the phasing out of turbo cars.

The change will leave only the Honda-powered Lotus team and the Arrows-Megatron team to continue challenging McLaren in the turbo class.

With the Formula One season almost half over, critics are saying that the McLaren-Honda domination has taken the interest out of this year's events.

But according to Prost and Senna, there is still of lot of excitement in store for everybody.

Prost felt there was some excitement in yesterday's race when he darted inside Senna on the 61st of 80 laps to gain the lead.



Prost leads the pack at the start of the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

waiting for the right moment."

Prost said. He had the lead for the first 36 laps but lost it to Senna when Prost's tyre change took a few seconds longer than Senna, who pitted four laps earlier.

"We had problems with the left wheel," Prost said. "I lost three to four seconds and I was a bit disappointed to lose first to Ayrton then."

"But I had the opportunity to overtake him," he added. "I was

S. Korea among top seeds for Games baseball

SEOUL, South Korea, July 4, (AP): South Korea, Taiwan, the United States and Japan are the top seeds in the Olympic competition in baseball, a demonstration sport in this year's summer Games, the organizers announced today.

In the preliminary round Sept 19 to 24, South Korea, the United States, Canada and Australia are in one group, and Taiwan, Japan, Puerto Rico and the Netherlands in the other, the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee said.

The top two teams in each group advance to the semifinals on Sept 26. The final is scheduled Sept 28.

Standings

With the victory, Prost extended his lead in the world championship standings, having 54 points to Senna's 39.

But Senna is looking to make things a bit tighter next week at the British Grand Prix.

"I think we should have an even closer fight than here because we should match each other well," Senna said.

"The difference should be just a little and be very exciting for all of us," he added. "It may be tiring for him and me because it's a lot of pressure but to the public it should be exciting."

BECKER LOSES AFTER WINNING FIRST SET

Edberg takes Wimbledon crown

LONDON, July 4, (Reuters): Third seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden showed the touch of a master as he dismantled the power game of West Germany's former champion Boris Becker to win the Wimbledon men's singles final 4-6 7-6 6-4 6-2 today.

The sixth-seeded Becker, champion here in 1985 and 1986, captured a first set that spanned nearly 21 hours having started last evening when only 22 minutes' play was possible and having been interrupted again after a delayed resumption today.

At this point, it seemed the 20-year-old Becker was romping to his third title in four years, using his strong right arm to crush Edberg just as he had his previous six opponents for the loss of just one set.

But Edberg, 22, in his first Wimbledon final, refused to be intimidated and in the last three sets played serve-and-volley tennis of the very highest quality to inflict the first centre-court defeat on Becker in 15 singles matches.

Flat

In his moment of triumph, Edberg, normally the most undemonstrative of men, fell flat on his back on tennis's most famous stage before going to the net to shake the shattered Becker's hand.

Becker, swaggering and confident while in charge of the match in the early stages, had been completely overwhelmed by the end. Edberg, the first Swede to win here since Bjorn Borg in 1980, conceded just 11 service points in the last two sets after squaring the match by winning the second-set tiebreak 7-2.

Edberg's victory in two hours 51 minutes was worth £165,000 (£297,000) and denied West Germany a sweep of the singles titles following Steffi Graf's victory on Saturday in the women's final.

The first set took a total of 40 minutes' playing time but was twice interrupted by rain — after 22 minutes last evening and after a further 16 minutes this afternoon.



Becker looks away from the centre court after missing a shot. (Reuters wirephoto)



Edberg runs to send forehand return to Becker. (Reuters wirephoto)

Whereas it was Edberg who began so positively yesterday when he won the first three games for the loss of only four points and had a point for a 4-0 lead, it was the sixth-seeded West German who made a fast-and-furious opening today.

The resumption was delayed for two hours during which time Becker warmed up at Wimbledon's indoor facilities and the benefit of this preparation was quickly apparent as he grabbed 12 of the first 15 points to move from 2-3 overnight to 5-3 ahead.

Break
Having held serve to level at 3-3, he broke Edberg with some impressive returns, none more so than a reflex backhand after the Swede had presented him with break points with his first double fault of the match.

Becker served out to love in the eighth game and then came close

to capturing Edberg's serve again in the ninth when he rattled the Swede with a fierce backhand whipped straight at his body.

That stroke took to set point and it was to Edberg's credit that he responded calmly to the crisis with a backhand volley, another winner in the forecourt to end a thrilling rally and a service winner to the former champion's backhand.

The rain returned at this point with Becker poised to serve for the set. They were off court for 98 minutes but it took Becker only two more to wrap up the set.

A crunching first volley and two service winners gave the West German three set points.

Although Edberg saved the first wonderfully well, running in to hit a backhand winner, he was always under pressure from a big Becker serve on the second and this time his much-admired

backhand failed him as he hurried the ball in the net.

Signs that Edberg was feeling the pressure emerged in the first game of the second set in which he served two double faults before holding for a 1-0 lead.

But he looked altogether more composed in the next game in which Becker had to produce two big serves to pull back from 15-40. Edberg achieved another break point with a heavily disguised backhand pass before Becker won the game with two pugnacious volleys.

The score moved to 3-3 without either man's service coming under pressure. Becker winning the sixth game to love when Edberg's backhand, normally so reliable, failed him four times.

In the next two games, though, both men had to fend off break points. Edberg after he had served a double fault in the

seventh game and Becker in the next when the Swede hit a brilliant return to the former champion's feet.

Edberg was desperately close to clinching the break for a 5-3 lead, his attempted backhand pass ripping just into the top of the net. Becker was stung into action and his third and fourth aces of the match restored parity at 4-4.

Marvellous

In the next four games, only three points went against serve. Becker taking the set into a tiebreak when he held to love in the 12th game with a marvellous loch after an Edberg backhand had toppled off the top of the net.

Edberg seized the initiative in the tiebreak by winning the first five points. Becker rallied briefly with two service winners to pull back to 5-2 but Edberg, with a couple of winning serves of his own, clinched it 7-2 to level the match at one-set all.

Edberg was now in the ascendancy and achieved the first break since the opening set when he captured Becker's delivery for a 2-1 lead in the third.

The Swede brilliantly controlled a serve struck wide to his forehand to reach break point and then bore down on a kicking second serve with a backhand pass that was just inside the line.

Becker's frustration was starting to show itself and when he petulantly hurled his racket aside after going 30-0 down in the fourth game, umpire Gerry Armstrong gave him an official warning for equipment abuse. Edberg won that game to love to lead 3-1.

Becker held in the next game but again there were clear signs of an inner anger. After slipping at the net, a fall that brought a perfect winning loch from Edberg, the West German swiped at the court surface, suggesting he blamed it for his undignified tumble.

Not for the first time in the match, Edberg had to make self-defence volley at the net when Becker drove the ball straight at him in the sixth game. If the Swede was intimidated, he did



Edberg kisses the championship trophy after his victory over Becker. (Reuters wirephoto)

not show it and held to 15 for a 4-2 lead.

Becker served two double faults in the next game before holding but Edberg was now serving as sweetly as at any time during the match and when he came to serve for the set at 5-4 he had conceded only four points in his last four service games.

He raced to 40-0 and Becker could save only one of the three set points, Edberg clinching the set with a high forehand volley.

At the start of the fourth set, Becker, 20, looked dispirited by the quality of Edberg's play. He dropped his service in the opening game, serving his seventh double fault of the match on the second break point.

He sat on the chair during the change-over chastising himself and practicing the strokes that had begun to let him down.

Games went with serve until the fifth game when Edberg broke again, to 15. The Swede took a 4-1 lead when Becker's attempt to intercept a passing shot flew wide.

In the eighth and final game, Edberg opened a 30-0 lead but the West German found some inspiration on his service returns to level at 30-30. Edberg put away a high forehand volley at the net to earn match point.

Induced

Becker, 20, seemed set to keep the match alive when a driven forehand induced a defensive volley from Edberg that looped over the net. With the court open, Becker raced in, snatched at the shot and netted the ball.

That final point, which earned Edberg the winner's check, came 22 hours and 38 minutes after the first ball of the match was struck.

Stevenson hangs up his gloves

HAVANA, July 4, (Reuters): Cuban boxer Teofilo Stevenson, who won the Olympic heavyweight title three times and rejected a million dollars to turn professional, has formally hung up his gloves at the age of 36.

People in his home town of Last Tunas in eastern Cuba lined the streets yesterday to give Stevenson a hero's farewell after he announced during an international boxing contest that he was quitting the ring.

Stevenson, who won 301 of the 321 bouts he fought during a career spanning 22 years, was the only man besides Hungary's Laszlo Papp to have won three consecutive Olympic gold medals in boxing, at the 1972, 1976 and 1980 Games.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Habana Bridge Club game held on Saturday evening:

N/S
1. Merchant & Carsten
2. Nabil & Nabil
3. Makarewicz & Chaudhary
E/W
1. Diab & Ibrahim
2. Mr & Mrs Saeed
3. Simon & Rajeev

Results of the Hilton Bridge Club game held on Sunday evening:
1. Vassilov & Ahmed Tawil
2. Magdi Vassilov & Sherin Basyoni
3. Abdul Latif Duzaj & Sohan Ali

Marshall takes two wickets

West Indies put England on the rack

LONDON, July 4, (Reuters): England were in the all too familiar situation of looking to the heavens for salvation after yet another disastrous batting performance on the rain-shortened fourth day of the third Test against West Indies today.

Their last recognised batsmen, David Gower and Allan Lamb, were at the crease at the close of play with England, 249 behind on first innings, perilously placed on 60 for three.

Rain permitted only nine overs before an early tea was taken as West Indies took their overnight 357 for six to 384 for seven before declaring in response to England's first innings 135.



Marshall: began England's agony

Yorked
Their only wicket to fall was that of Roger Harper who made 74, his highest score in Test cricket. He was yorked by Graham Dilley who ended with four wickets, but at a costly 99 runs.

Once again it was fast bowler Malcolm Marshall who began England's second innings' agony. With only six on the board, he trapped opener Graham Gooch leg before for a single and then had Mike Gatting, returning to the side after being

sacked as captain, caught by Richie Richardson at third slip for four. He failed to score in the first innings.

England's position might have been even worse but for the intervention of umpire and for-

mer police fraud squad officer Nigel Plews, standing in his first Test, who laid down the law to Marshall and caused him to retire from the attack.

He officially warned the fast bowler twice for running onto the pitch in his follow through and one more transgression would have prevented Marshall from bowling during the remainder of the innings.

Captain Viv Richards decided to remove him from the attack, but with figures of two for 10 in nine overs, Marshall had probably done enough to set West Indies on the path to their second victory of the series.

At that stage, Marshall had taken 21 of the 46 England wickets to fall thus far in the series and in the process worsened Gatting's poor run to 88 runs in his last 12 innings against the Caribbean attack.

But even with Marshall removed, England's misery continued with pace bowler Winston Benjamin removing opener Matyn Moxon with his first ball, caught by Richards in the slip for 15.

Gower progressed to 24 not out at the close and Lamb was on 10, but the weather forecast of more rain tomorrow could well

be England's best hope of escaping their second defeat in the five-match series.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 135 (C. Walsh four for 46)
WEST INDIES first innings (over- night 357 for six)
G. Greenidge lbw b DeFreitas 45
R. Richardson b Dilley 23
C. Hooper lbw b Childs 15
V. Richards b Capel 47
G. Logie lbw b Dilley 39
J. Dujon c Capel b Dilley 67
R. Harper b Dilley 74
M. Marshall not out 43
C. Ambrose not out 7
Extras (lb-21 nb-3) 24
Total (seven wickets, declared) ... 384
Fall of wickets: 1-35 2-77 3-101 4-175 5-187 6-281 7-373.

Did not bat: W. Benjamin, C. Walsh.
Bowling: Dilley 28.1-4-99-4, Embury 25.7-54-0, DeFreitas 35-5-81-1, Capel 12-2-38-1, Childs 40-12-91-1.

ENGLAND second innings
G. Gooch lbw b Marshall 1
M. Moxon c Richardson b Benjamin. 15
M. Gatting c Richardson b Marshall 4
D. Gower not out 24
A. Lamb not out 6
Extras (lb-2 nb-1) 10
Total (three wickets) 60
Fall of wickets: 1-6 2-23 3-36

Bowling to date: Marshall 9-3-10-2, Ambrose 9-2-17-0, Walsh 4-1-10-0, Benjamin 4-1-6-1, Harper 2-1-4-0, Hooper 1-0-4-0.

Yorkshire win on rain-hit day

LONDON, July 4, (Reuters): Kevin Sharp hit a breezy 56 from 88 deliveries to guide Yorkshire to the only win of the day as rain washed out all the remaining fixtures in the English Sunday League.

Despite an undefeated 66 from Laurie Potter, Yorkshire held Leicestershire to 172 for three in their 40 overs and then had little trouble passing the total with 14 balls to spare.

In the only other match to get

underway, Derbyshire were shot out for 130 by Middlesex with Angus Fraser claiming three wickets for eight runs and Norman Cowans two for 12.

But torrential rain then prevented any chance of Middlesex moving into a clear lead in the League and they remain joint top with Lancashire on 28 points from nine matches.

The six remaining matches were abandoned without a ball being bowled.

Soviets to face world team in chess match

BELOF, France, July 4, (AP): A chess match between teams representing the Soviet Union and the rest of the world will be held next March 19-25 in Gent, Belgium, the chief organiser said yesterday.

Ily Iclicki, a Belgian chess master who lives in London, said the event would consist of four rounds between teams of 10. Each team will have eight men, one woman and one junior.

"The Soviets said this time they couldn't be certain of winning the match," Iclicki said.

There have been two similar previous clashes, both won narrowly by the Soviets.

In 1970 in Belgrade, the Soviets defeated a world team that included Bobby Fischer by 20.5-19.5.

In 1984, the Soviet team defeated the world 21-19 in a contest staged in London. A win scores one point and a draw a half.

The Soviet team is expected to be led by world champion Garry Kasparov, with the former titleholder, Anatoly Karpov on board two.

Rating

The world team will be based on the bi-annual world rating list and consultations with the leading players, Iclicki said.

On the July 1 rating list, the leading non-Soviet is British grandmaster Nigel Short who is third-ranked in the world.

The other leading non-Soviets are Jonathan Speelman of Britain, who is ranked fifth, sixth-placed Jan Timman of the Netherlands and Hungarian grandmasters Lajos Portisch and Zoltan Ribli, who are ranked in seventh and ninth places.

Ulf Andersson of Sweden and John Nunn of Britain are tied for the 10th ranking. Johann Hjar-tarson of Iceland placed 14th and Yasser Seirawan, America's leading player, is tied for 16th.



Imran faces TCCB hearing over criticism of umpire

LONDON, July 4, (Reuters): Pakistan captain Imran Khan was ordered yesterday to appear before the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) for criticising English Test umpire David Constant in a new book.

Imran's county club Sussex have been banned from selling the book, "All round view," — published yesterday — until after the hearing.

Panel

Imran and Constant clashed during last year's Pakistan series in England. The Pakistanis tried unsuccessfully to have the umpire removed from the Test panel after disputed decisions in the second Test at Lord's.

A TCCB spokesman said the hearing would be held next week.

ICC may delay decision on S. African links ban

LONDON, July 4, (Reuters): A decision on West Indies' call for a Test cricket ban on players who have future sporting links with South Africa looks like being delayed until January.

The vote, when it is finally taken, could split Test cricket into black and white factions.

The proposal is due to be debated at the two-day International Cricket Conference (ICC) meeting at Lord's starting tomorrow.

Expected

But because of legal uncertainty, cricket sources said it was expected that a decision would not be made until a special meeting in January.

ICC officials are believed to be taking a cautious stand to avoid the eventual decision being challenged in the courts.

Another complication is that the ICC also has to decide whether England and Australia, as founder members, can use their power of veto to scuttle the resolution.

Three motions are on the table following the findings of a committee set up last year to look into West Indies' call.

They are understood to be a complete ban, an option for home countries to ban visiting players, or no change.

English cricketers are strongly opposed to the West Indian proposal because they feel it would be a restraint of trade on young cricketers who spend winters coaching and playing in South Africa to aid their development.

Also on the agenda is the venue of the 1991 World Cup. India and Pakistan have already put in a joint bid of £3 million (\$5 million) to stage the tournament, despite having hosted last year's event. The ICC may, however, decide on a strict rota.

Amount

Other matters to be discussed include over rates, short-pitched bowling, weight of bats, umpiring standards and the amount of international cricket being played.

The ICC are also concerned about their own reputation. The meeting will discuss a report aimed at strengthening their powers both for getting things done and punishing countries who step out of line.

Bauer wins first stage of Tour de France

MACHECOUL, France, July 4, (Reuters): Steve Bauer of Canada won the first stage of the Tour de France cycle race today — a section interrupted for 15 minutes by striking shipyard workers.

Bauer broke away from the pack 13 kms from the end of the 91.5-km stage from Ponichateau to Macheoul in western France. He finished eight seconds ahead of Belgian Eric Vanderaerden, who won the massed sprint finish behind the Canadian, Eddy Planckaert of Belgium was third.

"The race was not going very fast and I realised there was more tailwind than headwind so I decided to have a go," Bauer said. "Believe me, I'm going to hit the champagne tonight."

Bauer's victory came after the race was restarted at the 35 km point following the strikers' protest. About 100 of them had blocked the route at Saint-Nazaire to stop the riders passing.

Though the riders did manage to weave their way through the picket line, the accompanying



Bauer puts on the yellow jersey after winning the first stage. (Reuters wirephoto)

official cars could not and organisers decided the race would have to be restarted.

There was some confusion whether Bauer would wear the race leader's yellow jersey for the

second stage — a 48-km team time trial from La Haye-Fouassiere to Ancenis later today.

Time bonuses were awarded for five sprints during the course of the stage and organisers said



The riders pass between the picket line of strikers at a Saint-Nazaire shipyard. (Reuters wirephoto)

two other riders — Soeren Lilholt of Denmark and Nico Verhoeven of the Netherlands — had emerged with the same final time as the Canadian.

Lilholt and Verhoeven, along

with Roger Ilegems of Belgium and Teun van Vliet of the Netherlands, at one time established a lead of one minute 16 seconds over the pack before being caught 20 kms from Macheoul.